



HIGH SCHOOL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

"The vitality of our democracy depends on the active participation of each generation of citizens. If we are to achieve our greatest potential, we must all participate in public life and not just turn over the reins of democracy to a dwindling few who may or may not be the best qualified."

-John Glenn

The Program

The Glenn School's High School Internship Program is a unique public service internship program that allows high school students in the Winter quarter of their senior year to gain first-hand experience within organizations in the public service sector. As a service-learning program, students also participate in an academic seminar at The Ohio State University that reinforces their internship experiences. Internship placement locations have included the Statehouse, state agencies, city government, non-profit organizations, and the media.

Students Selected To Be Glenn Interns

- are seniors in a Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway, or Union county High School (public or non-public) slated to graduate in 2010. Home-schooled students are eligible;
- have a class rank in the top 15% of their class and hold at least a 3.5 cumulative high school grade point average on a 4.0 scale;
- have outstanding scores on the SAT or ACT (SAT of 1150 or ACT of 26);
- and have outstanding civic participation.

Testimonial

"This program was a wonderful capstone experience for my high school tenure. I interned both for a State Representative and for the League of Women Voters of Ohio. While interning for the League I helped with a toolkit that was sent to all local chapters around Ohio to assist with their community education efforts around health care legislation. The internship program was instrumental in landing me a spot in the John Glenn Learning Community as an undergraduate at Ohio State the following fall, and helped me realize that nonprofit work was something to pursue in the future."

- Lynn Slawsky, 2000 Participant

Important Dates

March 30, 2009 - Deadline for applications paid under PSEO-B
September 15, 2009 - Deadline for all other applications
TBA Fall 2009 - Informational Meeting for selected students
January 4, 2010 - 2010 Internship Program begins
March 18, 2010 - 2010 Internship Program ends
TBA Spring 2010 - HSIP Reception

Contact Information

For more information, please contact the program coordinator at highschool@jgippm.ohio-state.edu or call 614-292-8696.

Internship Placement

Students work at their internship sites a total of 100 hours over the course of the 10-week program. Sites are selected to fit student interests and skills. Examples of internship site activities have included the creation of a website, a two-part radio broadcast, and an historical perspective on the contributions of Ohio women.

Contemporary Public Policy Course

Interns also attend a weekly seminar course at The Ohio State University (25 hours cumulative class time) as part of the Post Secondary Enrollment Option Program (PSEOP) for dual high school and college credit. The course is focused on understanding how public policy and service impact social issues in the United States democracy. As part of the seminar, students must also complete a research project on a social issue of their choosing.

Academic Credit

The program requires students to be enrolled in the OSU Academy Program and is worth 10 quarter-credits from Ohio State.

Application Procedure

Interested students should download an application packet from the John Glenn School website. Application packets must be complete and postmarked no later than September 1, 2009 or they will not be considered. Students will be admitted into the program until the class is filled (maximum 20). There is no application fee for the Glenn High School Internship Program.

Applicants selected for participation will be sent letters shortly after their acceptance and will be required to attend a program informational meeting in the fall.

Students must meet with their High School counselors to determine if graduation requirements can still be met while participating in the program.

Application packets can be downloaded from the Glenn School website at:

<http://glennschool.osu.edu/programs/hsip>

Additional Information

Multiple options for program enrollment exist. Please see your high school guidance counselor or principal for more information.

Incidental costs associated with the internship site include daily travel to and from the internship site and parking costs at most downtown locations. Some internship sites offer free parking. Ohio State issues COTA bus passes to students with their identification cards, so interns may ride COTA buses at no cost.