



## Washington Academic Internship Program

### Basic Information:

#### What is the Washington Academic Internship Program?

- The Washington Academic Internship Program (WAIP) is an enriching and exciting opportunity that allows Ohio State students to spend a quarter in Washington D.C. as John Glenn Fellows. While in D.C., students work four full days each week in field placements that match their academic and professional interests. Students also participate in a research seminar and enroll in a course on policymaking and public service in the Washington community.

#### Who Should Apply for the Program?

- Junior and Senior students who have an interest in public service and public policy. Students of **ALL MAJORS** are encouraged to apply.

#### When is the Program Offered?

- The program is offered during fall, winter, spring, and summer quarters of the OSU academic calendar. Its duration is ten weeks.

#### Where do the Students Live?

- Students reside together in a residential building in the District, selected for its services, proximity to the Metro system, safety, and neighborhood conveniences. The program arranges for housing and applies the charges to each student's university account. We feel that living in Washington is a critical part of the students' learning experience as part of the Program. For more information about our D.C. housing complex, visit <http://www.internsdc.com/>.

#### Do all Glenn Fellows major in Political Science?

- No, although many of our applicants have a background in Political Science, the program has served students representing over 65 different academic disciplines including Natural Resources, Economics, History of Art, Philosophy, Civil Engineering, Agribusiness, Molecular Genetics, and Geography. Students of all majors with an interest in public service and public policy are encouraged to apply.



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### Internships:

#### What is the work commitment for the internship?

- Students work four days a week at various internships related to their academic preparation and career goals. Internship selection should reflect the students' upper division coursework and extra-curricular involvement. Our program is designed to allow students to *apply* what they have learned on campus to a substantive field placement in Washington.

#### Are students required to find an internship on their own?

- No, although students are **strongly** encouraged to research potential internship sites while applying to the Program, the Glenn School staff is ultimately responsible for insuring that each Glenn Fellow is placed in a substantive internship where they take an active role in the policy process. The more students do on their own, the better. We support all accepted students if they decide to find an internship on their own. **Note:** Some Federal agencies require extensive background checks for new interns. Students interested in working for these organizations should plan to devote a significant amount of time researching them and working with our staff in order to ensure placement.

#### Are all internships with the Federal Government?

- No, although many students choose to work in the federal government, there are countless other options to consider, including non-profit and international organizations, art and history museums, media outlets, advocacy groups, health and environmental policy offices, as well as numerous think-tank organizations. To date, over 300 OSU students from 65 different academic disciplines have been selected as Glenn Fellows.

#### How do students apply for the program?

- Any student interested in the program should download an application from our website, [www.glennschool.osu.edu/programs/washington](http://www.glennschool.osu.edu/programs/washington). All applicants will need to submit:
  - **A completed application form**
  - **A resume**
  - **A personal statement of interest detailing academic preparation and a dedication to public service**
  - **A writing sample**
  - **Two letters of recommendation**
  - **An interview with our campus program coordinator**



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### Internships Continued:

Since the Washington Academic Internship Program began in 2000, over 300 Ohio State students from 65 different academic disciplines have been selected as Glenn Fellows. The following table shows some examples of how students have connected their majors to internships with particular organizations.

Internship Site	Major (s)	Minor (s)
Library of Congress, Embassies	Italian, Medieval & Renaissance Studies, Business / Human Resources	Sociology
Capitol Hill, House and Senate Committees,  Kinghorn, Hilbert & Associates, Project on Government Oversight	Political Science, Philosophy, International Relations and Diplomacy, Communications	Religion, American History, Women's Studies, Criminology
TIME Magazine, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Center for American Progress, Federal Communications Commission	Communications	Political Science
Smithsonian Museum of American History, Office of the Curator at the Supreme Court	History, Art	English
The Center for Strategic and International Studies, Organization of American States	History, International Studies, Economics, Arabic	International Economic Development, Political Science
Child Welfare League of America, CentroNia	English, Sociology	Criminology, Political Science
U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Department of Commerce, Alliance for Justice, National	Accounting, Criminology, Pre-Law, International Studies	French, Economics

Taxpayers Union		
National Geographic Society, International Student Conferences, TransAfrica Forum	Anthropology, International Studies	African Studies
Environmental Law Institute	Environmental Economics	Political Science
National Park Service	Natural Resources, Biology	Classics
American Cancer Society, Center for a New American Security	Chemistry, Biology	
Center for International Environmental Law	Mechanical Engineering, Industrial and Systems Engineering	Political Science, Environmental Economics
Planned Parenthood of America, WiLL/WAND	Strategic Communication, Women's Studies	Professional Writing

Each student works closely with our program staff to identify and secure an internship that is related to his or her academic preparation and career goals. Your internship should reflect your upper division coursework and extra-curricular involvement. Our program is designed to allow you to *apply* what you have learned on campus *to* a substantive field placement in Washington.

As you begin to search for an appropriate internship opportunity, we recommend that you visit our website to view a list of past placements, seek suggestions from your faculty members, and conduct your own independent web-based research. Many of the organizations in Washington have informative websites that outline undergraduate internship opportunities.

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



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### Financial Information:

**How much does the program cost to participate?**

- There is no additional program or application fee associated with the Washington Program. While in DC, John Glenn Fellows remain fully registered Ohio State students and pay Ohio State tuition. Housing is arranged by the Program and charged to each student's university account. A refundable deposit of \$200 is required of each student that is selected as a Glenn Fellow.

**Is financial aid available to Glenn Fellow?**

- Yes, students who receive financial aid continue to do so while participating in the program. Appropriate adjustments are made to compensate for the increased cost of travel and living in Washington. We make every effort to ensure that no student will be denied the opportunity to participate due to financial constraints.

**How do the typical expenses of D.C. compare with those of Columbus?**

- It is important to remember that the cost of living is higher in Washington than it is in Ohio. Students should take this into account while planning for their quarter in D.C. The following budgets may be of assistance to students when planning for their term in Washington.

**Estimated Budget Comparison for one quarter during the 2008-2009 academic year:**

Estimated Budget for 1 Quarter, 2009	At OSU	In Washington
Tuition	2893	2787
Housing	1959	3400
Meals	825	1500
Health Insurance (optional)	515	515
Books and Supplies	439	125
Transportation	48	500
Miscellaneous/Personal	806	830
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,485</b>	<b>\$9,657</b>



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### Academics:

#### What distinguishes this program from other internship opportunities in Washington?

- Our program focuses on academic integration of policy study—it's more than just an internship in DC. Through the weekly seminar class, policy paper, and study tours to important political, cultural, and historical locations, WAIP allows for a much richer and more fully integrated program than an internship alone could provide.

#### What does the policy paper entail?

- The policy paper serves as a capstone to the Program. Each student will write a research paper exploring a particular aspect of public policy that is drawn from his/her intellectual interests, academic preparation, and ideas and experiences gleaned from the Washington field placement.

#### What does the class entail?

- Students meet on Wednesdays for a seminar class taught by the Program Director, Dr. Ken Kolson. Class meetings consist of discussion, common readings, and guest speakers. Its purpose is to expose students to the field of public policy and invite them to reflect on the connection between public service and public policy. Additional reading and writing assignments will be required.

#### Do students earn Ohio State Credit for participating in the Program?

- Students receive 15 hours of OSU credit while in DC , which is awarded as follows:
  - **Public Policy and Management 589: Student Internship—5 hours**
  - **Public Policy and Management 678: Class—5 hours**
  - **Public Policy and Management 679: Policy Paper—5 hours**

#### What is the next step?

- Visit [www.glennschool.osu.edu/programs/washington/](http://www.glennschool.osu.edu/programs/washington/) for more information.
- Meet with your academic advisor to build the Washington experience into your degree plan and ensure that you can participate and still graduate on time.
- Research potential internship sites and narrow your choices down to a select few in your area of interest
- Contact Chris Adams at [adams.615@osu.edu](mailto:adams.615@osu.edu) to schedule a time to meet in order to start building a high quality application.