

FEDERAL RELATIONS DC INTERN SCHOLARSHIP



Thank you for your interest in a congressional internship in Washington, DC. We hope that this experience will be fun, educational, and inspiring.

Members of Congress have small staffs and tremendous workloads, so interns play a vital role. Duties vary, but generally, interns will learn how the legislative branch of government works, develop knowledge of resources available to assist constituents, gather information from various federal agencies, and attend meetings on behalf of the Member. As a result, internships in Washington DC are an invaluable experience for college students, and many current congressional staff members began their careers as interns.

Internships in Washington DC, (as opposed to in-district internships), can be particularly challenging for students due to cost. While you would be receiving college credit and a wealth of experience for your work, you are not generally compensated financially. Because of the important role you play in our Arizona congressional offices, the UA Office of Federal Relations is pleased to offer a scholarship to help cover the costs of your time in Washington. Award of this scholarship is competitive and based on both merit and financial need, with a required minimum GPA of 3.0. **The scholarship will allow \$500/mo for living expenses, plus a tuition award.** The tuition award covers mandatory fees, but not optional personal fees such as Honors fees, Engineering fees, class fees, etc. This scholarship is intended as a one semester (fall, spring or summer) opportunity for undergraduates, but graduate student applications may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

To apply for this scholarship, please send the following information via email to Karla Nuñez at nunezk@arizona.edu at least thirty days prior to the start of the semester in which you plan on participating in the Federal Relations DC Internship:

- Your Name, Contact Information, including in DC (if you have it) and Student ID #;
- Record of registration for 12 units of academic credit (spring or fall semesters) or 6 units of academic credit (summer session) for internship and Department point of contact for verification;
- A listing of any financial aid for which you are receiving/have applied;
- A two-page written statement of interest and merit; and
- An offer letter from the relevant Congressional office.

Scholarships are subject to approval by the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid and the student's college or department