# Tucson Police Department Internship
## School of Government and Public Policy, CRIMINAL JUSTICE Students

**General Description:** The Tucson Police Department is a very diverse and unique agency. The Tucson Police Department was founded on April 22, 1871. The city was one square mile in size and had a population of 3,200 people. The department has grown from one Marshall in 1871 to the present police force of almost 850 sworn officers and 300 non-sworn personnel. The police department is now responsible for a city of over 200 square miles and over 500,000 citizens. The Tucson Police Department is a modern and progressive law enforcement agency, proud of its service to the community and commitment to the residents of the City of Tucson.

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**Deadlines:** Interns should submit their application at least 12 weeks before the start of their internships.

**Agency Minimum Qualifications:** No Felony Convictions, Valid Driver’s License, No Criminal or Drug Abuse History

**Internship Description:** Unpaid

Based on need, students will be placed in various units of the department. Students will be assigned to these units as soon as their background is complete. Generally TPD attempts to place students in an assignment that will provide the most exposure to law enforcement

**Purpose of the Internship:** Interns can be an important part of the organization and are proven to be a valuable asset to law enforcement agencies. They help increase police responsiveness, service delivery, and information input, and they provide new program opportunities. In addition, interns can bring new skills and expertise to the job and prompt new enthusiasm. It is the policy of this police department to use qualified interns for specific tasks and duties that can create efficiencies for the department and improve services to the community.

**Additional Information:** Applicants must be fingerprinted and pass a criminal background check prior to acceptance into the program. This process generally takes 12 weeks.

**To Apply:** Go to [https://www.tucsonaz.gov/police/internships](https://www.tucsonaz.gov/police/internships) read instructions and complete the applicant questionnaire. Submit questionnaire to recruit1@tucsonaz.gov the questionnaire serves as your application.

**Expected Contact:** Once the applicant questionnaire is received you will be contacted shortly after with further instructions regarding getting your fingerprints done and starting your background investigation.

**Contact Person:** Officer Dave Schneider – [Recruit1@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Recruit1@tucsonaz.gov) or 1-520-791-COPS (2677)
Cathy Burg – [Recruit1@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Recruit1@tucsonaz.gov) or 1-520-837-7746

**Agency/Organization Website link:** [www.jointucsonpd.org](http://www.jointucsonpd.org)