CAST Internships in Washington, D.C.
Summer 2013

The College of Applied Science and Technology is continuing the scholarship program to encourage professional practice opportunities for high achieving students who wish to complete their internship in Washington, D.C.

Summer 2013 internships are available to qualified students who will be selected from those who apply by the posted deadline. Those who are selected from the pre-screening application will then submit formal applications for the internship to one of the available government offices. Opportunities for students exist within a variety of federal executive, legislative, and judicial offices and include subject-specific options for nearly all majors in CAST. However, there is no guarantee that a student selected for scholarship funding will actually be selected by an agency or legislative office in Washington, DC. If the student is not accepted for a summer internship by a recognized agency or legislative office, no financial support will be offered.

This is an excellent opportunity for students who will be exposed to fast-paced, exciting, and challenging experiences as interns in Washington, D.C. The D.C. professional practice combines observation with participation to provide a comprehensive, meaningful experience for the student. CAST is pleased to offer financial support to partially offset the cost of housing and related expenses.

Who is Eligible?
- Undergraduate students with majors in CAST who have earned a minimum of 90 semester hours (may include hours from fall and spring of the current academic year) with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.25.
- Full-time students in CAST graduate programs who have earned a minimum of 16 semester hours with a minimum grade point average of 3.50.

Dates of the Internship
Students will likely begin the professional practice in mid-May and conclude the internship by the first week of August. Exceptions may occur and must be approved by the student's professional practice coordinator in advance.

Examples of DC Agencies/Opportunities
White House, CIA, FBI, National Archives, Department of State, Homeland Security, NIH, USDA, DOJ, DOT, FEMA, HHS, FDA, SEC, and hundreds more encompassing all disciplines and majors.

Supervision
The professional practice will be coordinated by the home department of the student. A university supervisor will provide guidance for the individual assignments and reporting that is required. A site supervisor will provide day-to-
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day oversight of the experience as well as midterm and final evaluation of the student.

Required Tasks
In addition to the requirements of the departmental professional practice coordinator and the site supervisor, each Washington, DC intern will be required to submit five or more digital photographs that portray the experience of the student during the internship and in Washington, DC. The images will be used to illustrate the significance of the scholarship program and to market the program to future prospective interns.

Scholarship
If the selected student(s) successfully obtains a federal executive, legislative, or judicial professional practice assignment for Summer 2013, the College and Department will support the student(s) as follows: the College of Applied Science and Technology contributes $2,500 each for up to 5 students which will be matched by $2,500 from the home department of the student. The combined $5,000 scholarship will be used to offset the cost of housing and related expenses during the internship. Housing will be arranged in cooperation with the ISU Associate Director for Development and Governmental Relations and Washington Intern Student Housing.

Initial Screening Application
Interested students must complete and submit the screening application to be considered for this unique professional practice opportunity. Applicants must also submit a current professional resume that includes all academic and professional work activities since (but not including) high school graduation. The completed application and the resume are due on or before Friday, September 28, 2012.
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Initial Screening Application
Due Date: September 28, 2012

Student Name: ________________________________
ISU Identification Number: _____________________
Email: ______________________________________
Phone: _____________________________________

Completed Semester Hours (Expected hours through spring 2013 should be included):

Cumulative Grade Point Average: ____________________________

Department or School: ________________________________
Major: _________________________________________

Local Address: ______________________________________
Permanent Address: __________________________________

Supporting ISU Faculty Member: ____________________________

Please respond to the following questions:

1) What is your interest in pursuing an executive, legislative, or judicial internship in Washington, D.C.?

2) List 3-5 agencies or organizations that you are interested in pursuing as a Summer 2013 internship location.

3) How will your successful completion of this internship contribute to your overall professional development?

4) What do you hope to experience and learn through this internship?

5) What is your current professional goal following completion of your degree?
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Remember to include a current, professional resume (does not need to be on special resume paper) that includes all academic and professional work activities since (but not including) high school graduation.

Student Signature
My signature below indicates my understanding of the requirements described herein and that I am voluntarily submitting an application for a Summer 2013 Scholarship that will be funded if my application is selected among the pool of applicants and if I am subsequently accepted for an approved professional practice experience in Washington, DC for the summer 2013.

____________________________________  ______________________
Student Signature                          Date

Submit all completed application materials and resume electronically on or before the deadline to Dr. Todd McLoda (tamcloda@ilstu.edu) or deliver hard copies of the materials on or before the deadline to the Office of the Dean of CAST in Turner 103.

For additional information about the program, please contact Marissa McCord, ISU Associate Director of Development and Governmental Relations at 309-438-8595 or you can email her at mbmccor@ilstu.edu. You may also contact Dr. Todd McLoda, Associate Dean of CAST at 309-438-8748 or by email at tamcloda@ilstu.edu.