Georgia Legislative Internship Program

Molding Georgia's Leaders in 2016

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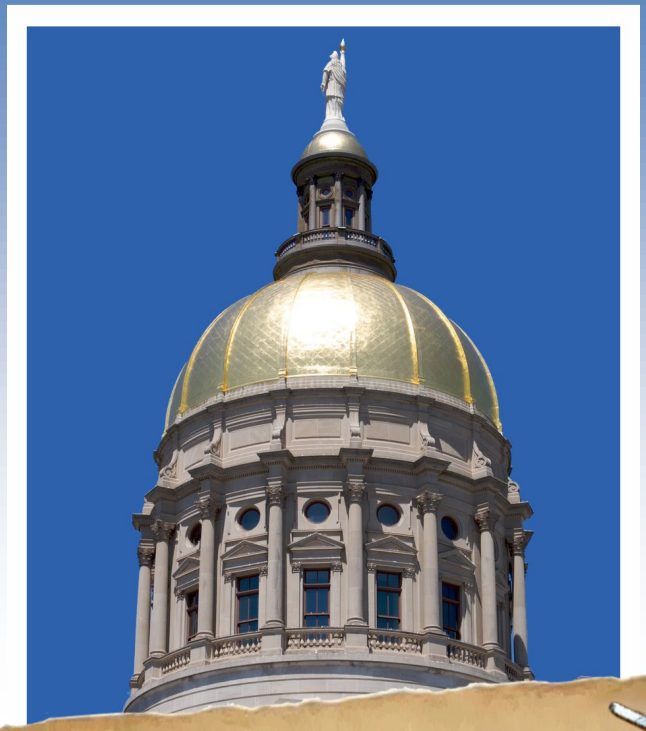

Intern Class of 2014

Georgia Legislative Internship Program

A Semester at the Capitol

- Full-time paid internship
- Only for Seniors & Juniors currently enrolled in a Georgia college or university
- Open to all majors
- Students must be able to receive school credit for the internship

About the Program

Welcome to the Georgia Legislative Internship Program. For over 40 years, Georgia colleges and universities have been providing the General Assembly with outstanding interns each session. During this internship, you will receive firsthand experience of the legislative process. With the help of Georgia State University, schools submit applications for their most promising students to be chosen.

During your time at the State Capitol, interns gain knowledge of the how state government works, how the legislative process works, along with making lifelong career contacts and friendships.

Molding Leaders

Achieve Greatness and Inspire it in Others

The TEAM

JULIE ROSER

House of Representatives

House Intern/Aide Coordinator

As a member of the 2014 Intern class, Julie knows first-hand how essential the internship program is under the Gold Dome.

Julie has worked with the Speaker's Office and the House Page Program for the past two sessions before beginning her work as the House Intern/Aide Coordinator.

STACY PEERY

State Senate

Director of Senate Staffing

Stacy began her career in state government as an intern in the Governor's Intern Program. She has worked with the Georgia State Senate for 10 years and describes the Georgia Legislative Internship Program as, "shaping the future leaders of our great state and country."

Dr. DANIEL FRANKLIN

Georgia State University

Director, GLIP

Daniel Franklin is an Associate Professor of Political Science at Georgia State University. His areas of specialization are American Chief Executives, budgeting and the legislative process. He is the author of four books, numerous articles and reviews. His latest book is on the politics of presidential transitions from the perspective of leaving administrations. *Pitiful Giants: Presidents in their Final Terms* is forthcoming from Palgrave Macmillan Press.

From the Speaker

David Ralston

Dear Future Intern,

The Georgia General Assembly Legislative Internship Program is one of the nation's oldest educational internships to focus on the state legislative process. It was created to give students, like yourself, the opportunity to gain valuable experience working at the State Capitol during the legislative session. You will have the opportunity to learn and see the action in progress-not just reading about it in a book.

Being a part of this program is an honor and a unique experience that will undoubtedly enrich your academic study.

David Ralston
Speaker of the House

From the President Pro-Tempore

David Shafer

Dear Future Intern,

The Georgia General Assembly Legislative Internship Program offers an exceptional opportunity to enrich your educational studies while learning about our state's legislative process. It provides a unique vantage point to observe how bills become laws affecting every Georgian, including you. It is also a one-of-a-kind, hands-on learning experience that is guaranteed to open new doors of opportunity.

It is an honor to be selected for this internship and work among the best and brightest students from across the state. I invite your application and wish you all the best in the selection process.

David Shafer

President Pro-Tempore

State Senate

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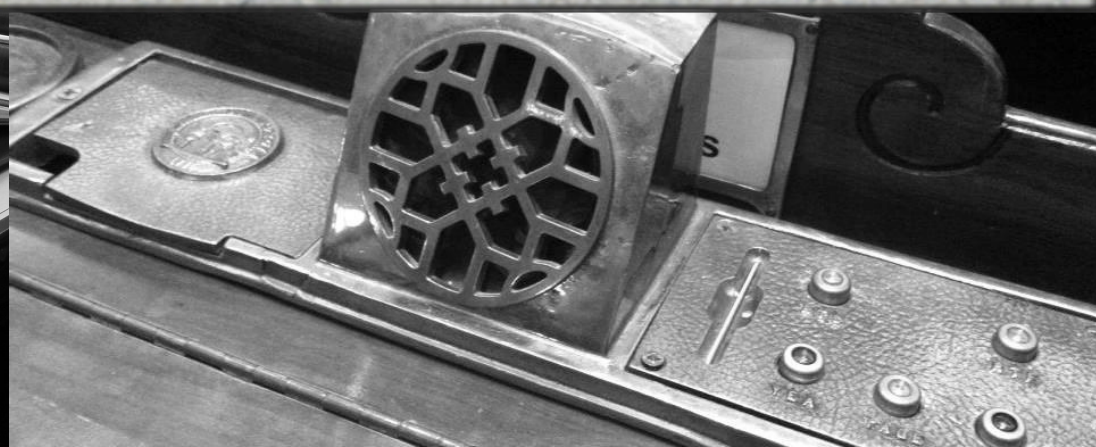
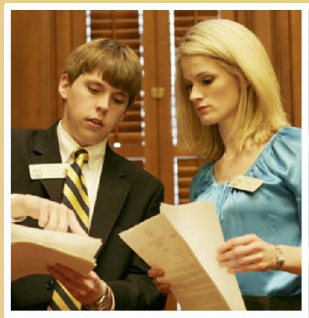
"You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today." - Abraham Lincoln



See it from within… *Experience is Knowledge*



With multiple placement options, intern assignments are designed to give you balanced experiences and various opportunities to gain insight and knowledge into the legislative process.

LEADERSHIP

Exceptional students are selected each session for placement in the leadership offices of the General Assembly. These interns facilitate the flow of legislative information between the leadership offices within the Georgia General Assembly.

Majority Offices

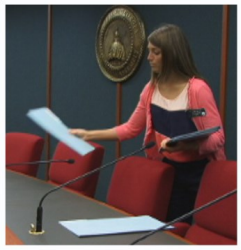
This is a unique placement where you find yourself deeply integrated into the legislative summarization process, providing members with understanding and emphasis into each piece of legislation.

Minority Offices

These internship opportunities place a student under the supervision of the Minority Leader and Minority Whip's office operations. With needs ranging from communications assistance to legislative tracking, this internship is key to these office's effectiveness.

COMMITTEES

Some committees are larger than others and contain many subcommittees within their legislative structure. As the intern for these committees, you will be responsible for assisting committee staff with their legislative duties.



Most committees share legislative staff. In the role as intern for these committees, you will be responsible for the setup of legislative hearings, agenda preparations, research, constituent services, and bill tracking throughout the legislative session for several committees.

COMMUNICATIONS

Print Press

This internship is responsible for taking all floor proceeding notes, drafting press releases, radio & TV scripts, and additional duties.

Telecommunications

Each session, the House employs three interns to direct and produce the video functions of the 'House Legislative Network.' This is a system of live broadcasting, graphic design, and editing of House floor proceedings, committee meetings, press conferences, and Member interviews. use.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

Serving as the in-house counsel for the General Assembly, this office of attorneys provide Members in drafting legislation, counseling legislators and committees, preparing legal opinions on statutory interpretation, and legal research. Each session, three interns are chosen to aid in drafting privileged resolutions for introduction in the House and Senate, and to aid in legal administrative functions.

ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS

Each session additional opportunities are available for specific needs by the legislature. These areas of focus are generally in the Appropriations, Budget offices, Office of the Clerk, and/or the Secretary of the Senate's office.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- All applicant's MUST complete an application
  - Found at www.legis.ga.gov
- Completed applications should be submitted to your College Coordinator
  - Contact your College Coordinator for your school's deadline
- College Coordinators must turn in the completed application to:
  Dr. Daniel Franklin, Director GLIP
  Dept. of Political Science, Georgia State University
  1038 Langdale Hall
  38 Peachtree Center Avenue
  Atlanta, GA 30303

IMPORTANT DATES

- Application Deadline from Colleges:
  Friday, October 23, 2015
- Candidate Interviews:
  First Week of November 2nd, 2015
- Intern Orientation:
  January 6-8, 2016
- Legislative Session begins:
  Monday, January 11, 2016

PROGRAM INFORMATION

- Students must be a junior or senior in a college or university in the State of Georgia at the time of the internship
- Applicants must NOT have completed graduation prior to the beginning of the legislative session
- Students must receive school credit from your college or university
- This is a full-time paid internship—each intern will a stipend pay of $300.00 per week
- Work hours are generally 8:00am - 5:00pm, however office hours can fluctuate on a daily basis
- Students are advised NOT to take any classes while serving as an intern
- If necessary, classes online or after work hours are acceptable. Please notify your College Coordinator and Dr. Daniel Franklin if you plan to take classes.

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