

**LEVINE INTERNSHIP AWARDS
IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, AND LAW
APPLICATION PROCESS
Skidmore College**

Award Competition: These internship awards honor the memory of Erwin L. Levine, who was a Skidmore Government Department Professor of American Politics and Law from 1961 until his retirement in 1988. Through the generosity of his family and friends, the Levine Internship Awards celebrate the life and legacy of a beloved teacher; respected scholar; treasured colleague; and inspired student of the history, theory, and practice of American politics and law. These awards are offered on a competitive basis to support Skidmore students who wish to undertake internships in fields related to the practice of American government, politics and/or law. Skidmore students from any major or minor may apply. Students are not required to apply for academic credit, but proposals must describe the academic aspects of their proposed internship experiences. Students may propose an internship in government, political, or legal offices. All applicants must demonstrate appropriate academic preparation for their proposed internship. Examples of internship sites include city, state, or federal government offices; federal agencies (e.g., State Department) or international agencies addressing U.S. political and legal issues (e.g., the United Nations); an interest group that lobbies Congress; or a Presidential library.

Summer grants are awarded in an amount up to \$4,000.

Eligibility: All students must be enrolled at Skidmore College full-time and be in good standing with the College to apply. Skidmore students from any major or minor may apply. Students are not required to apply for academic credit. International students should check with Student Academic Services before applying to identify any requirements they need to meet to qualify for this award. ***These awards cannot be combined with any other award, scholarship, stipend or grant.***

Application Process: The deadline for applying is **4pm Friday 24 March**. Applications should be submitted to Pat Choukeir in Starbuck Center 201. If you have any questions, please contact Pat (pchoukei@skidmore.edu) or call 518-580-5725.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL LATE PROPOSALS BE ACCEPTED!

Below are the requirements to apply:

1. Complete [Application Form](#)
2. **Application Essay-** Attach a brief essay (2-3 pages; typed) describing the relevance of your internship for the study of American government, politics, and/or law. Describe your preparation for the internship and how the internship experience will enhance your liberal arts education. You must also provide a specific description of the internship's activities and responsibilities. The application process is competitive. Your essay will be judged on the quality and clarity of your writing. No vague or poorly written proposals will be accepted.
3. **Faculty Recommendation Letter-** Each applicant must have a faculty sponsor who endorses the proposed internship experience. Strong endorsements will describe the student's preparation for the internship, the quality of the internship experience, and the ways the student's experience will further the student's Skidmore education and career prospects. The faculty letter must include the faculty member's name, the student's name, and the date.

4. **Internship Supervisor:** The on-site supervisor of the internship must submit a signed letter or email detailing the duties and work schedule for the student.

Selection Criteria:

1. Quality of personal statement
2. Substance of the internship
3. Academic Standing
4. Match between the Internship and the student's academic/career goals
5. Faculty recommendation letter
6. Rigor of internship as described by the Internship Supervisor or Coordinator

Stronger applications will demonstrate how the proposed internship's activities and responsibilities are connected to the student's Skidmore education (previous courses, major or minor, plans for a senior thesis, etc.) and future career plans.

LEVINE AWARD APPLICATION FORM

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Student's Name: _____ Class Year: _____

Major(s): _____ Minor(s): _____

Are you an International Student (Please check one): Yes No

Cell Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Faculty Sponsor: _____ Dept/Prgm: _____

Faculty Advisor: _____ Dept/Prgm: _____

Most Recent GPA: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Descriptive Title of Internship: _____

On-Site Supervisor (name and title): _____

Name of Organization: _____

Address of Organization: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____ E-Mail: _____

Dates of involvement in the internship: Begin: ____/____/____ Conclude: ____/____/____

Total number of weeks for the internship: _____

Total number of hours per week for the internship: _____

Are you applying to any other internship awards, stipends, grants or loans? _____

Please indicate whether you receive financial aid Yes [] No []

Will this be a paid internship? Yes [] No []

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- Date Received
- Application Form Completed
- Application Essay
- Faculty Recommendation Letter
- Internship Supervisor Letter
- Student's Cumulative Record Attached
- Reviewed by the Associate Dean of the Faculty