

SEE Beyond Award---Resources for Government Students

The SEE-Beyond Program offers Government majors and minors the opportunity to put their classroom learning to practical use in the summer. The awards are designed to encourage students to participate in field research, residencies, workshops, apprenticeships, productions, and internships that complement the student's learning plan.

The SEE-Beyond awardees "will receive a \$4,000 stipend, and funds may be used at the student's discretion to cover participation fees or tuition, travel expenses, and summer room and board. SEE Beyond Awards may be used to access opportunities anywhere in the world, except in countries with State Department travel warnings or advisories." These SEE-Beyond experiences are expected to inform coursework and the development of concentrations in the field, so they are especially geared to juniors. Proposals from seniors and sophomores will also be considered if the applicants can make a compelling case for how the experience will relate to future educational endeavors. Interested Government majors and minors should submit a brief application to the Director of the Government SEE Beyond Committee, Professor Bob Turner. Application form and deadlines can be found on the SEE-Beyond webpage (<http://www.skidmore.edu/see-beyond/>). The application includes a 2-3 page typed essay describing the relevance of the experience to their educational goals. Describe your preparation for the experience and how the experience will enhance your liberal arts education. You must also provide a specific description of the activities and responsibilities associated with the work you will be doing. You must also identify an on-site supervisor or sponsor who will confirm your acceptance into the program, organization, or institution and indicate his or her support for the learning goals you describe. If final acceptance has not been obtained prior to the department deadline, the application will still be considered.

Should your proposal be selected for funding, you will have until mid-April to confirm acceptance. The Government Department will judge proposals based on the following criteria: the quality of the application essay; the relevance of the experience for the student's academic goals and concentration; and the degree of preparation for the project. The Government Department will select one proposal to forward to the SEE-Beyond office on campus for a college-wide competition. The SEE Beyond website gives further details regarding the awards and includes a list of past awards (<http://www.skidmore.edu/see-beyond/awards/>).

What kinds of opportunities are available? Your options are endless.

Linked In Skidmore Government Majors, [Linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com/company/skidmore-govt)

The Government Department maintains a network of Skidmore alums on the LinkedIn.com social networking site. LinkedIn is like Facebook for professionals and careers. It is a way for our alums and current students find to connect with others working in similar fields. Once you add Professor Bob Turner as a contact, you can contact all of the people in his network about

job leads, interviews and ideas. He currently has about 400 contacts (and growing) who are a mix of Government and ES majors. There is also a Linked In Skidmore Government Majors group you should join. We also post job announcements, scholarships, and other career related information on the site.

Skidmore Political Alumni Club of DC

Adam Brand and Ryan Greer, Skidmore alums, have created a Facebook group called Skidmore Political Alumni Club of DC you can join. It is a way to connect with our alums in DC. Adam Brand and Ryan Greer have graciously offered to help any alum who is going to DC with networking on the Hill and beyond.

Internships in American Government

There are more internship opportunities in American government than can possibly be listed. Some are paid, many are not. Internships with national or state agencies are often paid, often quite well (New York agencies can pay \$14 an hour). Political internships with elected officials are usually not.

Please note, links may change over time—if direct links below do not work, try searching keywords, such as ‘internships,’ ‘summer,’ or ‘research,’ with the following organizations.

National Government

- White House <http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/internships>
- Senate, contact your US Senator
- House of Representatives, contact your local representative
- The Congressional Research Service also puts out a very good list of internships and fellowships with the federal government <http://www.senate.gov/CRSReports/crs-publish.cfm?pid=%26%2A2%3C4Q%2CO%3F%0A>
- Congressional Research Service <http://www.loc.gov/crsinfo/opportunities/op-internships.html>
- Government Accountability Office (GAO) <http://www.gao.gov/careers/student.html>
- Political Campaigns- every political campaign needs interns
- Go Government <http://gogovernment.org/>
- USA Jobs-how to find jobs and internships with the federal government <http://gogovernment.org/>
- Opportunities in Public Affairs newsletter- one of the best job/internship sources for DC. It has loads of jobs and internships in Government Affairs & Policy, Public Relations & Advocacy, Media & Journalism, and Entry Level position , click: http://www.opajobs.com/login_subs.php
 - User Id: skidmore
 - Password: saratoga

State and Local Governments - Less glamorous, more substantive, less expensive?

State Governors Internship programs- most state governors have internship programs. Below are some links, but if you google state governor internship, you will find one in your state.

- New York Executive Chamber Internship Program
<http://www.governor.ny.gov/internship-program>
- Illinois governor's internship program-
<http://www2.illinois.gov/gov/Pages/Opportunities.aspx>
- NJ Governor's internship program
<http://www.state.nj.us/governor/admin/internship.html>

City Mayoral Internship Programs - Most big city mayors have official internship programs.

- New York Mayor - <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/html/work/summerintern.shtml>
- Chicago Mayor's Office Internship Program
http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/mayor/supp_info/mayorsfellows.html
- Philadelphia Mayor- <http://www.phila.gov/experiencephila/mayor.html>

State and Cities Agency Internship Programs States and cities have a wide variety of internships. Google the name of the state, internship program and you will find options.

- New York - <http://nysinternships.com/nnyl/>
- New York City- <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/html/work/summerintern.shtml>
- Illinois- <http://www.illinois.gov/employment/Pages/InternshipsFellowships.aspx>
- Maine- <http://mcspolicycenter.umaine.edu/55-2/maine-state-government-summer-internship-program/> which pays \$9 an hour.

Lobbying/Public Affairs/Government Relations

If you are interested in working as a lobbyist for public, nonprofit, or private interests, there are countless opportunities at the national and state level. Google the name of the interest and government relations or public affairs or lobby and you will find many organizations that you could potentially intern for.

-American League of Lobbyists (ALL) <http://www.alldc.org/>

Public Affairs Council (<http://pac.org/jobs>)

-Women in Government Relations (<http://www.wgr.org/>)

-State Government Affairs Council (<http://www.sgac.org/>)

International

The European Union Delegation Office in the U.S. “Vacancies and Internships” then “Internships”

<http://www.eurunion.org/eu>

The United Nations Office Information Center <http://www.unic.org>

United Nations Economic Commission Review <http://www.eclac.cl/cgi-bin/getProd.asp?xml=/noticias/vacantes/default.xml&xsl=/acerca/opor-trai.xml&base=/tpl-i/top-bottom.xsl>

United Nations Economic and Social Review

Commission for Asia And the Pacific and Development Division or Trade and Investment Division

New York, New York <http://www.unescap.org/jobs/internships>

United Nations International Food Policy Review <http://www.ifad.org/job/intern/index.htm>

United Nations Secretariat Review <http://www.un.org/en/mainbodies/secretariat/>

US Agency for International <http://www.usaid.gov/work-usaid/careers/hiring-mechanisms/student-internships>

US-China Economic and Security Commission <http://www.uscc.gov>

US Department of State <http://www.state.gov>

Global Fund for Women <http://www.globalfundforwomen.org>

Global Trade Watch/Public Citizen <http://www.citizen.org>

International Economic Development Council
http://www.iedonline.org/?p=Job_Center_Students

International Labour Organization
<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/pers/vacancy/intern.htm>

Middle East Institute <http://www.mei.edu/jobs-and-internships>

Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network <http://www.modernizeaid.net>

The Atlantic Council <http://www.acus.org/about/employment-internships/internship-opportunities>

German Marshall Fund Internships Paid <http://www.gmfus.org/about-gmf/career-opportunities/>

NDN Latin America Policy <http://ndn.org>

Rand Center for Latin America Policy <http://www.rand.org/labor/centers/clasp.html>

Washington Office on Latin America http://www.wola.org/internships_and_employment

International Republican Institute, <http://www.iri.org>

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs - www.ndi.org

The State Department also has a very good list of foreign affairs related think tanks
<http://www.state.gov/m/fsi/tc/79982.htm>

as well as international jobs overseas <http://www.state.gov/m/fsi/tc/79765.htm>

Russia and Former Soviet Union think tanks

[US Department of State](#): Russian page

Library of Congress:

[Russian collections at the LC](#)

[European Reading Room](#)

[CSIS \(Center for Strategic and International Studies\)](#):

Russia and Eurasia Program

[Carnegie Endowment for International Peace \(Russia\)](#)

[The Jamestown Foundation: Eurasia Monitor](#)

[The Jamestown Foundation: Global Terrorism Analysis](#)

Excellent source for Russia-related terror analysis

[Small Wars Foundation: Small Wars Journal](#)

A unique source of Russia-related terrorism analysis

[RAND Center for Russia and Eurasia](#)

[Hudson Institute: Russia program](#)

[Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs](#), Harvard University:

US-Russia Initiative to Prevent Nuclear Terrorism

The Asia Society <http://asiasociety.org/>

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace <http://carnegieendowment.org>

[American Foreign Policy Council \(AFPC\)](http://www.afpc.org/) (<http://www.afpc.org/>)

[American Institute for Contemporary German Studies \(AICGS\)](http://www.aicgs.org) (<http://www.aicgs.org>)

[Asia/Pacific Research Center, Stanford University \(A/PARC\)](http://aparc.stanford.edu/) (<http://aparc.stanford.edu/>)

[Institute for Policy Studies \(IPS\)](http://www.ips-dc.org/) (<http://www.ips-dc.org/>)

[International Food Policy Research Institute \(IFPRI\)](http://www.ifpri.org/) (<http://www.ifpri.org/>)

[The 1990 Institute](http://www.1990institute.org/), China (<http://www.1990institute.org/>)

[Overseas Development Council \(ODC\)](http://www.odc.org/) (<http://www.odc.org/>)

[World Policy Institute \(WPI\)](http://www.worldpolicy.org/) (<http://www.worldpolicy.org/>)

The Washington Center list; <http://washingtoncenter.ucr.edu/ThinkTanks.pdf>

THINK TANKS

Virtually every think tank has a need for interns. Below is a select list of some of the higher profile groups. Review their websites for summer internship details starting in January. You may need to poke around the website to find the internship link.

Aspen Institute

<http://www.aspeninstitute.org/policy-work/aspen-network-development-entrepreneurs/jobs/summer>

American Enterprise Institute <http://www.aei.org> or <https://aeiinternships.silkroad.com>

Brookings Institution <http://www.brookings.edu/about/employment/>

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace <http://www.carnegieendowment.org>

Cato Institute <http://www.cato.org/intern>

Center for Strategic and International Studies <http://www.csis.org/about-us/internships>

Henry L Stimson Center <http://www.stimson.org>

Heritage Foundation Internship <http://www.heritage.org> or <http://www.heritage.org/about/internships-young-leaders/the-heritage-foundation-internshipprogram>

Hoover Institution On their webpage see “Jobs at Hoover” <http://www.hoover.org>

Hudson Institute <http://www.hudson.org>

Institute for Policy Studies <http://www.ips-dc.org/about/joinus>

Joint Center for Politics and Economic <http://www.jointcenter.org/about/employment>

Institute for Women’s Policy Research <http://www.iwpr.org>

New American Foundation <http://www.newamerica.net>

Progressive Policy Institute Review <http://www.progressivepolicy.org/about/jobs>

Woodrow Wilson International See “Research Assistants” and also “Program Staff
Center for Scholars Internships” for specific programmatic opportunities
<http://www.wilsoncenter.org>

The Urban Institute Review <http://www.urban.org/about/careers/internships.cfm>

National Conference of State Legislatures- <http://www.ncsl.org/>

National League of Cities <http://www.nlc.org/>

National Association of Counties <http://www.naco.org>

National Governor's Association <http://www.nga.org/cms/home.html>

American Legislative Exchange Council <http://www.alec.org>

The Manhattan Institute for Policy Research <http://www.manhattan-institute.org/>

The Bill of Rights Institute <http://billofrightsinstitute.org/about-us/directors/>

The Federalist Society <https://www.youtube.com/user/thefederalistsociety>

The Jack Miller Center <http://www.jackmillercenter.org/about-us/staff/>

Pacific Research Institute <http://www.pacificresearch.org/business-economics/>

Ayn Rand Institute <http://www.youtube.com/user/AynRandInstitute?feature=watch>

Heartland Institute <http://www.desmogblog.com/heartland-institute-exposed-internal-documents-unmask-heart-climate-denial-machine>

Want more? The Think Tank and Civil Society Program at the University of Pennsylvania has a
Ranking System for Think Tanks <http://www.gotothinktank.com/>