The Internship

Once you are accepted, you will be assigned a pre-arrival advisor. With this advisor, you can anticipate: a get-to-know-you video conference, resume review and next steps overview. Your pre-arrival advisor will work with you to figure out what is the best route to achieve your goals.

Together, you will explore what skills you have to offer, the type of internship site you are considering, the ideal organization size for you and other aspects that can weigh heavily on how comfortable and capable you will be at your internship. You will complete this part of the advising session with an idea of what type of role and/or what type of organization you’d like to work within.

Internship Matching

Following your advising session, we’ll submit your documents to targeted internship sites. Upon consideration from one of the sites, they will reach out to you and conduct a phone interview. You can expect to have one or several interviews. Once an offer is extended, you ultimately decide whether you want to accept it.

Our Internship Sites

We have a network of over 600 internship site partners. We work closely with our partners to ensure you will get access to:

- A supervisor invested in your personal and professional success
- Meaningful work that aligns with your interests
- Projects and assignments you can own
- A goal-oriented approach to work that will help you grow and improve

Career Readiness Report

TWC has partnered with the SkillSurvey Career Readiness Project™, an HR tool to assess your skills following your internship experience. At the end of your professional semester, you will undergo a 360-degree evaluation by your peers, your supervisor and yourself. The end result is a comprehensive report that provides feedback on your Career Readiness Level and how you compare with the national average. You'll identify your strengths and improvement areas for 8 critical competencies desired by employers, along with a roadmap for further development.

Sample Internships

We place interns in all kinds of industries, including nonprofit, government, the private sector, arts, finance and everything in between. This list is by no means exhaustive, but it will give you an idea of the range of organizations with which you could be matched.

Arts, Humanities & Education

American Federation of School Administrators • American Foundation for Suicide Prevention • Catholic Diocese of Arlington-Migration & Refugee Services • Congressional Chorus • U.S. Department of Education • International Leadership Association • Joy of Motion Dance Center • National Archives • National Association of Federally Impacted Schools • Naval History & Heritage Command • RespectAbility • Special Olympics • Student Veterans of America • United Way Worldwide • The Urban Institute • Washington Performing Arts

Business, Economics & Trade

1776 • Citigroup • The Consumer Goods Forum • U.S. Department of Commerce • Foundation on Economic Trends • Institute on Taxation & Economic Policy • International Executive Service Corps • Izar Capital Group • Manchester Trade • Peru Trade, Tourism & Investment Office • PrepFactory • U.S. Small Business Administration

Government & Politics

American Security Project • Council of State Governments • Grant Thornton • Kieloch Consulting • LobbyIt • National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators • Running Start • S&P Global • The Abraham Group • The McKeon Group • The Potomac Advocates • U.S. Department of Energy • U.S. House of Representatives • U.S. Senate • Whitmer & Worrall
Health, Science & Environment
Arthritis Foundation • CitizenScience.gov • Climate Institute • EarthShare • Ecological Society of America • Grand Oaks at Sibley Memorial Hospital • Healthsperien • Medcovergae • National Association of Health Underwriters • National Cancer Registrars Association • National Hispanic Medical Association • Scenic America • Securing Water for Food • Sierra Club

Law & Criminal Justice
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms • Campaign for Youth Justice • D.C. Corrections Information Council • D.C. Law Students in Court • Dentons • Federal Practice Group • Federal Trade Commission • International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children • Justice Research & Statistics Association • Lawyers Without Borders • Metropolitan Police Department • National Legal Aid & Defender Association • Offender Aid & Restoration • Private law offices • Public Defender Service for D.C. • Same Day Process • U.S. Department of Homeland Security • U.S. Marshals Service

Journalism, Media & Communications
C-SPAN • Comunicad • Double R Productions • Epic PR Group • IMGE • National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association • PBS’ “To The Contrary” • SRB Communications • Various nonprofits & government agencies • Voice of America • Washington Diplomat

International Relations & Global Studies
Americans for Democracy & Human Rights in Bahrain • Amnesty International • Association for Diplomatic Studies & Training • Empowered Women International • Foundation for Defense of Democracies • InterAction • Inter-American Defense Board • International Rescue Committee • Leadership Global • Meridian International Center • National Defense University • Peace Corps • Potomac International Center for Terrorism Studies • Seraphim Global • Various embassies • Wilson International Center for Scholars

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D.C. has so many internships that are very competitive, and The Washington Center has access to a network of hundreds of organizations that we can open up for the students.

Pre-Arrival Advisor