***Washington State Legislature Intern Program***

Every year, the Washington State Legislative Intern Program brings about 70 college students to Olympia for a one-of-a-kind educational and professional opportunity. During the internship, which takes place in winter quarter or spring semester, interns work for members of the Washington State House of Representatives or Senate while earning academic credit from their schools. Interns work alongside legislative staff to learn first-hand about public policy, build real-world professional skills, and serve the citizens of Washington State.

Interns are placed with legislators' offices and work in Olympia as full-time staff while the Legislature is in session (January through March or April every year). In addition to their office work, interns take part in a hands-on academic program including training in legislative ethics, writing and research, a budget exercise, mock committee hearings and floor debate, and a job shadow at a state agency. Interns also participate in seminars and workshops with state officials, policymakers, journalists, and lobbyists, offering networking opportunities and a global view of the political process.

The Legislative Internship is a paid full time (40 hours per week) commitment. The internship must be taken for undergraduate academic credit at a four-year college or university. Credit amounts and other academic requirements are determined by the school. Washington college juniors and seniors of any age and any major are eligible to apply.

Application Requirements

Online application form

Cover letter explaining how you meet the internship qualifications

Résumé

One-page personal essay

Unofficial university transcript

Two letters of recommendation: one faculty reference and one professional or personal (non-relative) reference

Applications for the 2020 legislative session are now open!

**Priority Deadline:  October 4, 2019**

**Final Deadline:  October 11, 2019**

For more information, please visit: [http://leg.wa.gov/Internships/Pages/default.aspx](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fleg.wa.gov%2FInternships%2FPages%2Fdefault.aspx&data=02%7C01%7Cbrownt2%40seattleu.edu%7Cf08b7cbab22644e33d1108d742466bd6%7Cbc10e052b01c48499967ee7ec74fc9d8%7C0%7C0%7C637050743503532337&sdata=Fm2Oarz0hfRSQrZlK8MnmzN1silEcpPqI5RR5JkxzcA%3D&reserved=0)