



GOVERNMENT INTERNSHIPS ABROAD

Internship Opportunities in Dublin, London, Washington DC,
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GOVERNMENT: DUBLIN, IRELAND

Internship with Member of Parliament

This internship placement is with an Irish Labour Party politician who has served as a Senator for the Administrative Panel since April 2016. He previously served as Minister of State for Employment, Community and Social Support from 2014 to 2016.

Internship tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Managing Social media on all platforms
- Handling issues that come out of Parliament's Finance and Environmental Committees affecting Dublin
- Researching and speech writing
- Handling projects for the party's re-election campaign

Government internship with Education Minister

This position is with the Minister of State at the Department of Education with special responsibility for Higher Education. This Minister has previously served as Minister of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation. During her tenure, she has led on the creation and maintenance of high quality and sustainable full employment across all regions of the country. They worked very closely with IDA Ireland, Enterprise Ireland, Science Foundation Ireland and Local Enterprise Offices in promoting the jobs agenda and oversaw for the first time in almost a decade, over 2 million people employed in Ireland.

Internship tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Researching and project work tasks such as summarizing documents, attending clinics, and surveying constituents
- Contributing to database management including compilations and updates
- Processing constituency work
- Assisting with office paperwork and other administrative efforts

HQ Internship with Political Party

This internship is with the only party which on several occasions has commanded overall majorities in Dáil Éireann. Since its foundation they have been the single most coherent force in Irish politics, so much so indeed that alternative governments have been characterized by their opposition to them as their only common bond. Electorally they are second only to the Social Democrats in Sweden in its length of tenure in office.

Internship tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Assisting with organization of workshops



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- Compiling text and email notices
- Assisting in the creation of a recruitment theme/concept
- Researching effectiveness and cost of Facebook/Google Ads
- Helping with preparations for Pride Celebrations and LGBT events
- Coordinating the preparation of Election Bootcamp workshop
- Distributing newsletters and campaign material
- Inputting data to Imis

Public Relations Position with Irish Politician

For the last 15 years, this politician has been a teacher of English and Music at St. Tiernan's Community School in Dundrum. She joined the Green Party in 2007, weeks after the birth of her first child. Now a mother of three young children, she appreciates first hand the educational, sporting and social requirements of children and the need to plan ahead with a sustainable vision. In 2014, this woman was elected to Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, representing the Dundrum electoral area. Internship tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Updating website with content and posts
- Researching newspapers and online materials
- Marketing of candidate
- Writing press releases under supervision



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GOVERNMENT: LONDON, ENGLAND

Work and Learn from Senior Officials in Parliament

This organization facilitates regular interactive seminars both in London and in-country for senior officials from around the world. Subjects range from anti-corruption, to gender equity, to economic development.

Intern tasks may include:

- Providing support in the office with preparation for seminars and other events, researching suitable subject matter and event topics for future events.
- Identifying high-calibre, appropriate speakers for current programme of seminars, helping and participating in events and other general tasks related to event production and management.

Research and Policy for an NGO

This opportunity will provide valuable experience for someone hoping to go on to work in a research or policy post within an NGO, or someone looking for practical experience before furthering their academic studies in this area.

Intern tasks may include:

The intern will assist the organisation in meeting key policy objectives. In particular the intern will be involved in assisting with projects on the separation of families by immigration detention and the detention of trafficked people.

Internship with a Member of Parliament

This MP has always been very active in Parliament, and other organizations in London. Internship tasks may include: performing case work and research, drafting press releases, writing to constituents on behalf of the MP, possibly assisting with event coordination/planning, campaigning, organizing policy paperwork etc. Interns accepted to this internship will gain an intimate glimpse into the workings of an MP's office, and parliament in general. The ideal candidate has a background/experience in law/government/policy or similar, willingness to get hands dirty with the rest of the staff, research skills, and ability. An interest in politics is more important than educational background.

Policy Internship for a Transatlantic Business Organization

This is an exclusive members' organization that provides networking, business opportunities, events, and programming for its members. Through these opportunities, members get the chance to meet and discuss policy and government with representatives and other NGOs.

Internship tasks may include:

Providing overall support to the Policy and Public Affairs Manager, conducting research on



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government policy initiatives, writing summaries on various policy areas, drafting meeting notes, preparing policy meetings, proofreading policy documents, supporting policy event management including event registrations and data management.



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GOVERNMENT: WASHINGTON DC, UNITED STATES

Advocacy and Government Affairs Internship

Under the direct supervision of this department's Legislative Assistant, interns would have the opportunity to combine their academic interests with real-world experience in any of the following areas: legislation, advocacy grassroots, community outreach, stakeholder engagement, communications, social media, and special events, among others. During their time interns will also have unique opportunities to talk with Foreign Service employees, learn about the Foreign Service, and gain insights into the workings of the State Department and other foreign affairs agencies. Arrangements will be made for at least one visit to a State Department press briefing, and we strive to identify opportunities for high-level interaction for our interns.

Public Diplomacy Intern at a DC Embassy

This Embassy seeks interns who will have the opportunity to contribute substantially to our public diplomacy or press teams, and to serve as support for both short and long term projects. Successful candidates will be detail-oriented, motivated, and eager to take on multiple projects.

Intern tasks may include:

- Reporting to multiple supervisors, so being able to switch between tasks and balance responsibilities is important.
- Being social media savvy on a variety of platforms (predominantly Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest) and will have experience exercising sound judgment about the content posted on such platforms.
- Interns also should have good writing and online research skills, a basic knowledge of important US civil society groups, and a proven commitment to the country this Embassy represents

Research Intern for Public Advocacy Group

Beyond analyzing the U.S. impacts of trade and investment policies, this group is currently working on projects covering Brazil, China, Europe, Southeast Asia, and several Latin American countries. The research intern will provide invaluable support to the research team by providing substantive background investigation into varied topics such as healthcare and pharmaceuticals, food safety issues, environmental policies, trade policy positions of Congressional candidates, financial regulation, foreign direct investment, and jobs and wages, among others. The research intern will also attend Congressional hearings, think tank briefings, and other events and report back to GTW. All interns are expected to do some administrative support work, but the majority of the research intern's duties will involve working directly with the research team.

NGO Citizen Advocacy General Internship



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This NGO seeks to ensure that in this era of globalization, all Americans can enjoy economic security, a clean environment, safe food, medicines and products, access to quality affordable services such as health care and the exercise of democratic decision-making in matters that affect them and their communities. Interns with this NGO are an integral part of the team.

Internship tasks may include:

-Assisting with research, grassroots organizing, media outreach, and working with U.S. and international non-governmental organizations.

-Interns are also likely to attend congressional hearings, think-tank briefings or other events as the eyes and ears of this organization.



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Internship for Policy Think-Tank

This organization is a non-partisan public policy and law institute that focuses on improving the systems of democracy and justice. A singular institution – part think-tank, part public interest law firm, part advocacy group – this organization combines research, scholarship, legislative and legal advocacy, and communications to win meaningful, measurable change in the public sector.

Intern tasks may include:

- Communications – Tracking and organizing press coverage; managing our press database; creating press clips and tear-sheets; building and updating press lists; creating and editing event transcripts; and assisting with public and private events.
- Development – Assisting in event organization; updating the fundraising database; researching funding opportunities; tracking public appearances; and assisting in donor correspondence.

Project Management for Women’s Political Organization

This is the only national organization providing Black women with a political home exclusively dedicated to harnessing their power to elect Black women, influence elections and advance progressive policies. It is a 501(c)(4) organization, and its sister organization, a national 501(c)(3) organization, are building the political power and leadership of Black women from the voting booth to elected office and creating the environment for Black women to run, win, and lead.

Intern tasks may include:

- Providing support with project meetings
- Maintaining and updating project documents
- Attending staff meetings and documenting minutes
- Drafting internal correspondence

Internship with Top Political Fundraising Firm

This company is one of the nation’s leading fundraisers and strategists with decades of experience working at the highest levels and in the deepest trenches for our candidates, campaigns and causes. They work with their clients to develop the strategies they need to win, whether it is a high-stakes political campaign, a high-need non-profit, or a high-profile capital project. They have generated remarkable success for their clients: in 11 years they have raised nearly \$300 million.

Intern tasks may include:

- Contributing to the overall operation of fundraising for political leaders and non-profit clients that the company primarily serves



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- Contributing to client relations throughout the entire cycle of working with a client
- Developing the advising strategy for clients and learning how to work with donors
- Researching and prospecting for new donors
- Managing the donor database in NGP VAN, Excel, and Google docs
- Assisting with administrative tasks as needed

Internship with a New York State Senator

This senator was elected to the New York State Senate in 2012. He represents the 10th Senatorial District in Queens, which includes the neighborhoods of South Jamaica, Rochdale Village, Rosedale, Richmond Hill, South Ozone Park, Springfield Gardens and most of the Rockaways. In addition, the Senator is the ranking Democrat on the Senate Labor Committee and the Committee on Banks. Now in his third term, the Senator, a Marine Corps veteran, lifelong public servant, proponent of education and advocate for working class families, promises to approach each legislative session with a renewed interest in bringing economic opportunities and resources to the people of Southeast Queens.

Intern tasks may include:

- Assisting the office with writing legislation and legal research
- Building constituency through liaison initiatives
- Developing and implementing community programs and events
- Helping to prepare for forums, town hall events, and state level legislative agenda
- Identifying potential funding streams for community events
- Drafting press releases and advisories
- Researching techniques for community economic development