

The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars

The Washington Center is an independent, nonprofit organization that works with colleges and universities to place students in challenging internships within Washington, D. C. The students have an opportunity to academic credit, earn stipends, meet and make valuable contacts with men and women who hold leadership positions in public, private and nonprofit sectors in the United States and around the world.

U.S. Coast Guard Minority Serving Institution Internship Program (MSIIP)

The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars is working in partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard to provide an academic internship program for university students interested in gaining hands-on work experience with the U.S. Coast Guard. Some internships are located Washington, D.C., but placements could potentially be at any Coast Guard base in the nation. Students are encouraged to earn academic credit through their home institution based on the curriculum administered by The Washington Center.

The program components include:

- A 36-hour workweek, Students are required to work Monday - Friday (TWC recommends students earn three credit hours for the internship component).
- Participation in workshops arranged by The Washington Center to develop competency in Coast Guard related issues, and further develop communication and presentation skills. (TWC recommends students earn three credit hours for the weekly workshops).
- A final oral presentation highlighting how the student was able to integrate academic training with hands-on experience.
- Completion of an academic internship portfolio that demonstrates the learning and development of the internship experience in a summative and reflective body of work. (TWC recommends students earn three credit hours for the portfolio assignments).
- Attendance of a mandatory orientation program in Washington, D.C. before the start of the internship program.

Students must be a second semester sophomore, junior, or senior and be enrolled at least part-time in an accredited 2 or 4 year university. Graduate students are also welcomed and encouraged to apply. U.S. citizenship is required. Housing accommodations will be arranged by The Washington Center and will be covered by the stipend provided by the Coast Guard. Students will earn a weekly stipend to cover living expenses. If students already have housing accommodations, the weekly stipend will increase.

To apply, students should fill out the Online Application at (<https://secure.twc.edu/twc/default.jsp>). On the application, student should select Option 2 for the Government Scholarship Program when prompted, then choose Coast Guard from the drop-down menu.

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