



SEMESTER IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

For Spring 2022

Early Decision Deadline: May 7, 2021

Regular Deadline: Sept. 15, 2021

The Colin Powell School's Semester in Washington, D.C. Program offers students an outstanding opportunity to live, work, and study in the nation's capital. Students spend the spring semester interning at a government agency or nonprofit organization while completing 12 credits, including two special courses designed just for them and taught in D.C. The program also provides a series of guest lectures, cultural activities, and networking events.

This program is a partnership between the Colin Powell School and the University of Delaware's Joseph R. Biden, Jr. School of Public Policy & Administration. Participants from both universities take mandatory classes together.

INTERNSHIP

Complete an internship in public service that is at least 28 hours per week. Students will look for their own internships with support from program advisors. Internships must be located in D.C. at a government agency, a multilateral or nonprofit organization, or a social enterprise.

MANDATORY CLASSES

Complete two political science courses that will be taught in Washington, D.C.:

- PSC 31508, Power, Inequality, and Social Policy (3 credits): This course examines the development of the American welfare state and current conflicts and debates about its performance and future. Students will work on a brief about some element of social policy currently under debate in Washington, D.C.
- PSC 33000-S, Politics and Washington, D.C. (3 credits): This course examines primary Washington D.C. governmental, political, and press entities and their relationships. The class will operate through lectures, work experience, and seminars with Washington D.C. practitioners. Students will learn how the major governmental, political, and media organizations in Washington function, the roles they play, and the impact they have on public policy processes.

OPTIONAL CLASSES

The following classes are optional and offered online:

- PSC 31131, Professional Development Seminar (3 credits): This online seminar is designed to help you create an action-oriented career roadmap related to your field of interest. Throughout the semester, you will have the opportunity to assess your skills, explore career options, set career-oriented goals, build your network, and develop a professional pitch.
- PSC 37201-HYB, Internship Seminar (3 credits): This online seminar runs parallel to your internship and looks into management in public service, leadership styles, and organizational dynamics. Completion of your internship is mandatory, but registering for credits is optional.
- PSC 31005, Working and Learning in Washington, D.C. (3 credits): This course examines the government, politics, and the press—and their relationships—through lectures and field trips. Students will attend a series of lectures; they will be exposed to guests who are leaders in each sector; and they will participate in a series of site visits at agencies and offices around Washington, D.C.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Attend virtual guest lectures, events, and other activities organized by the program.

SUPPORT

Students will receive a \$2,000 stipend for approved internships and paid housing in D.C.

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We encourage you to apply early so that you have more time to apply to internships.

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ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be full-time undergraduate students with at least 60 credits completed by the end of Fall 2021 and a GPA of 3.0 or better. We accept students from any school/major and regardless of citizenship status. You must have a demonstrated interest in national or international affairs, or American politics.

APPLICATIONS AND DEADLINES

Completed applications must include the following:

- The applicant / recommendation letter information form;
- A one-page, single-spaced essay explaining your interest in policy making, international affairs, or American politics, and articulating why you wish to get a virtual internship in Washington, D.C.;
- Two recommendation letters, at least one of which is from a professor that attests your interest in American politics, international affairs, or policy making;
- A resume; and
- A transcript (can be the unofficial version from CUNYfirst).

All applications must be emailed to the Colin Powell School Office of Fellowships at cpsfellowships@gmail.com by 5 pm on the deadline. Please submit all your materials, with the exception of the two recommendation letters, in one email. Advise your recommenders to email their letters to us directly by the deadline. We will confirm that we have received your application two to four weeks after submission.

For more information about the Colin Powell School Fellowships, visit this website: bit.ly/cps_fellowships

Questions?

Contact Akasha Solis, Program Manager, Colin Powell School Office of Fellowships, asolis@ccny.cuny.edu

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Name: _____
2. Email: _____ 3. Phone: _____
4. Major(s): _____
5. Minor(s): _____
6. Credits as of the end of last semester: _____ 7. Cumulative GPA: _____
8. Anticipated date of graduation: _____
9. How did you hear about the program? Check all that apply.
- Peer Program participant Faculty Staff Social media
- Email Student organization Info session Other: _____
10. Optional: How do you identify? Check all that apply.
- White Latinx Black/African American Asian
- American Indian/Alaskan Native Middle Eastern/North African
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Other _____
11. Are you currently participating in a fellowship or honors program on campus?
If so, which one(s)? _____
12. List 5 organizations that you would like to apply to for your spring internship.
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RECOMMENDATION LETTER INFORMATION

Letter 1

Name of Recommender: _____ Title: _____

Email: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Letter 2

Name of Recommender: _____ Title: _____

Email: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____