Volunteer Externship or Internship

**STUDENT INTERNSHIPS (1Ls AND 2Ls)**

**Who hires?** Almost every federal government legal office hires summer interns. Many agencies also take interns during the academic year. **TIP:** Competition is significantly less for the spring and fall semesters than for summer positions.

**Paid?** Many federal offices hire paid interns and volunteers. If paid, compensation for 1Ls is usually based on the GS-7 scale ($7500 for ten weeks of work); 2L compensation is generally based on the GS-9 scale ($9250 for ten weeks of work). Compensation varies by agency.

**Where do I find these internships?** The Government Honors & Internship Handbook published by the University of Arizona highlights summer and entry-level opportunities at a number of agencies and lists hiring criteria, a brief description of the agency, and application deadlines. The Career Office has a hardcopy. This database is also available on HastingsCareersOnline.com (HCO). It is password protected, but the password and link are available in the password protected job search site section of HCO.

The Government Honors & Internship Handbook does not list all opportunities. If you are interested in additional opportunities not listed in the handbook, directly contact the agency that interests you about an internship.

USA Jobs has some internships listed:

https://www.usajobs.gov/JobSearch/Search/GetResults?Internship=Yes

**When do I apply?** Deadlines vary but are often early. Each agency sets its own hiring procedures and deadlines. The deadlines for these internships can be as early as **October** for 1Ls due to processing time for background checks (such as for the FBI and CIA). Most deadlines for 1Ls are on a rolling basis or have a specific date January through March. For 2Ls, deadlines start as early as **September**.

**UCDC LAW PROGRAM**

The UCDC Law Program is a collaborative, full-semester externship program in Washington, DC for 4th-6th semester law students from four University of California (UC) law schools including: Berkeley, UCLA, UC Davis, UC Hastings and UC Irvine. The Program combines a weekly seminar course with a full-time field placement. Students who participate are eligible to receive 13 units for successful completion of the program: 10 units for the field placement, and 3 units for the required companion course, “Law and Lawyering in the Nation’s
Students who have participated in the program have externed with White House Counsel, Office of the Vice President, National Immigration Law Center, Securities and Exchange Commission, USDOJ – Consumer Protection Branch, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), etc.

Read more about the UCDC Law Program.