



AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY COUNCIL

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY

Do you have a strong interest in foreign policy and national security?

ABOUT AFPC

For close to four decades, the American Foreign Policy Council (AFPC) has played an essential role in the U.S. foreign policy debate. Founded in 1982, AFPC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to bringing information to those who make or influence the foreign policy of the United States.

AFPC is widely recognized as a source of timely, insightful analysis on issues of foreign policy, and works closely with members of Congress, the Executive Branch and the policymaking community. It is staffed by noted specialists in foreign and defense policy, and serves as a valuable resource to officials in the highest levels of government.

AFPC PROGRAMS

- Asian Security Program
- Central Asia-Caucasus Institute
- China Program
- Countering Islamic Extremism Project
- Defense Technology Program
- Middle East Program
- Russia and Ukraine Program
- U.S. Foreign Policy and National Security Program

ABOUT THE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

As the United States navigates today's complex strategic environment, it needs to nurture new leaders capable of understanding and addressing contemporary challenges. The internship program at the American Foreign Policy Council (AFPC) provides aspiring young foreign policy leaders with the opportunity to thrive and begin contributing to national security in a meaningful way.

AFPC's internships are awarded three times a year (January to April, May to August, and September to December). Our program is rigorous and research-based; as such, we award positions only to those who are capable of serious work. Almost all our interns delve into large research projects and assist with the publication of articles and/or the organizing and execution of events with foreign dignitaries. Interns are provided the opportunity to work closely with foreign policy professionals, thanks to the relatively small size of our organization and the selectivity of our intern program. Many of our interns have been published in prestigious media outlets, including, *The Hill*, *Newsweek*, *The National Interest*, the *Washington Times*, CNN.com, and the *Wall Street Journal Europe*, among others.

FULLY FUNDED OPPORTUNITIES

AFPC was formally awarded a grant from the Ascendium Education Group to underwrite qualifying interns' housing expenses, meals, local transportation costs, and a flight to/from DC. The grant applies specifically to undergraduate students who require financial support (must prove federal U.S. Pell grant eligibility) to travel to and live in DC as well as earn college credit for their internships.

Ascendium Education Group is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to helping people reach the education and career goals that matter to them with investments in initiatives designed to increase the number of students from low-income backgrounds who complete postsecondary degrees, certificates and workforce training programs.

WHERE DO AFPC INTERN ALUMNI WORK?

AFPC interns have obtained foreign policy and national security-oriented positions in the U.S. Government or pursued advanced degrees. Their places of employment (or study) include:

- U.S. Departments of State, Defense, Justice, Commerce, Energy
- Intelligence Community (CIA, NSA, DIA, FBI)
- U.S. Congressional staff offices
- Private sector consulting firms
- Top Graduate and Law school programs



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Intern Responsibilities

Responsibilities vary depending on program schedule, but may include:

- editorial assistance with publications
- logistical support of foreign delegations in Washington
- foreign policy research and writing
- general administrative support
- special events planning



How to Apply

Please follow the application guidelines and deadlines below. We do not accept LinkedIn applications and incomplete applications will not be considered. If you meet the eligibility requirements and are applying for a fully funded internship, please state that you are applying for a fully funded position in your cover letter. If you have not been contacted 60 days after the respective application deadline, you were unfortunately not selected for an interview. Interested candidates are requested to submit the following by email to the AFPC Internship Program Coordinator Courtney Atwater at internships@afpc.org:

- cover letter (please include hours and availability)
- resume
- foreign policy related writing sample (four pages or less)

Application Deadlines:

Fall Semester (September–December)—July 15

Spring Semester (January–April)—November 15

Summer Semester (May–August)—March 15

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin.



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