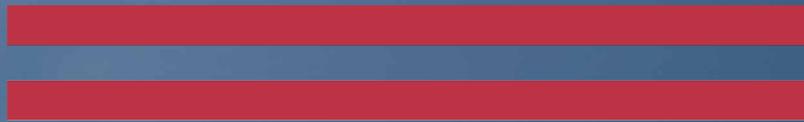


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NEWSLETTER



PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIP

UC OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



On February 18, the University of California announced the creation of the Presidential Public Service Fellowship program, aimed at encouraging more undergraduate students to apply for public service internships in Washington, D.C., and Sacramento.

“Our goal is to catalyze student interest in public service careers,” University of California President Janet Napolitano said in announcing the fellowship program. “There are few callings that are as essential to a healthy democracy as a career in public service.”

The fellowships will provide \$2,500 in need-based financial support to select students who apply for and are accepted into the internship programs run by either the UC Washington Program (UCDC) or the UC Center Sacramento (UCCS). Anyone accepted into either program is eligible to apply for a fellowship.

Nearly 1,000 undergraduate students participate in internships through UCDC and UCCS each year, gaining firsthand exposure to the American political process and attaining valuable work experience. For many it is also their first taste of what a career in the public arena could be like.

Most internship costs are covered through regular tuition and fees. But students often face incidental expenses, such as travel and the cost of appropriate business attire.

The Public Service Fellowships will help ensure that those kinds of expenses are not a barrier to student participation, UC officials said. Students who are selected for the fellowships will receive \$2,500 in financial support for costs related to participating in UCDC and UCCS programs.

UC will choose three students per undergraduate campus: two UCDC participants and one UCCS participant, or 27 students in all. Fellows will be chosen based on financial need, along with a demonstrated commitment to civic engagement and service for the public good.

The first group of fellows will be selected later this spring, in time for a fall 2016 internship. The deadline to apply for a fall 2016 UCDC internship varies by campus, with some applications due by the end of February, so interested students are encouraged to apply right away. The application period for a fall internship with UCCS closes in early May.

Napolitano encouraged undergraduates from across the UC system to consider applying. The UCDC and UCCS programs are open to all students, regardless of major.

“A public service internship can be a life-changing experience,” said Napolitano, who was herself a Truman Scholar, awarded to undergraduates aiming for public service. “It can also be the start of a long and rewarding career that really makes a difference in the world.”

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

KATELYN McCORMICK

Katelyn McCormick is a fourth year Feminist Studies & Political Science double major who participated in UCDC Summer 2014. Katelyn works in the UCDC office as a peer advisor, where we had the chance to ask her some questions about her UCDC experience interning at Ready for Hillary, a Super PAC raising support for a potential presidential bid by Hillary Clinton.

What led you to apply to participate in UCDC?

My interest in UCDC really stemmed from an interest in the multitude of opportunities that exist within the city itself. As someone who grew up in a small town, I was really drawn towards the various opportunities D.C. has to offer. From the wide range of organizations that function there to the metropolitan lifestyle, I was really interested in the city itself.

What was your internship experience like?

My internship was a very hands-on experience that allowed me to really become immersed in the job I was doing. Specifically, I worked on the Young Americans Team within the office, which focused on reaching out to college-aged students across the United States in order to encourage people to support Hillary's potential presidential campaign. I really enjoyed how much independent work I was given and the structure that existed within the organization.

Do you have a most-memorable moment from your internship?

One of the most memorable moments of my internship actually took place after I left D.C. I was flown out to Iowa during the end of summer to attend the last annual Harkin Steak Fry, where I worked as a volunteer at the event. I got to see Hillary and Bill Clinton give a speech to a crowd of thousands of people and be a part of an event that will never happen again. I also got to shake Bill Clinton's hand and get his autograph, which was life changing for me since he is one of my favorite people!

Do you have any recommendations for how to make the most of your internship?

I would definitely recommend that people participating in UCDC make the most of their opportunities during their time in D.C. and really step out of their comfort zone. One of the most beneficial experiences for me was really getting to know the people who worked within the Ready for Hillary office because they all have such unique backgrounds and connections. Asking my higher-ups for informational interviews really allowed me to get to know the people within the organization and connect with them on a more personal level. It also gave me some perspective into different career paths that people took in order to get to where they are now.



I would also recommend trying to branch out and go to different events hosted by other organization. These events, besides serving free food, also give you an opportunity to connect with people from other organizations you might be interested in.



What did you enjoy most about D.C. as a city?

I think I enjoyed the endless amount of things to do all the time in D.C. the most. From yoga in the park to all of the free museums, it was really a big difference from the small town I am from. Also, I really enjoyed D.C.'s close location to so many other cities on the East Coast, making it really easy to travel on the weekend.

Do you have a favorite experience from living in D.C.?

Even though this may seem like such a simple joy of living in the city, I really enjoyed going on runs with my roommate at night because the scenery in D.C. is just so pretty and you are living so close to all of these historic

monuments that it's a great way to experience the city, and avoid the humidity!

How was it living at the Center with students from all of the UCs?

I really enjoyed living in the Center with other UCDC students because we are all thrown into this busy city together and we are all experiencing the shock of everything new. Also it's really great to hear about everybody else's experiences at their different internships.

Is there something that new UCDC students MUST do before leaving D.C.?

There are so many things that I would recommend doing before leaving DC, but if I had to narrow my list down, I would definitely recommend going to Baked & Wired, because no matter what anyone else says, they have the best cupcakes in DC.



ON THE CALENDAR

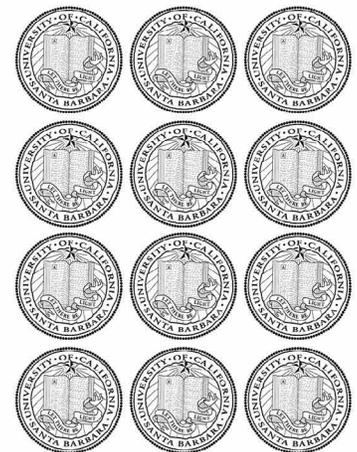
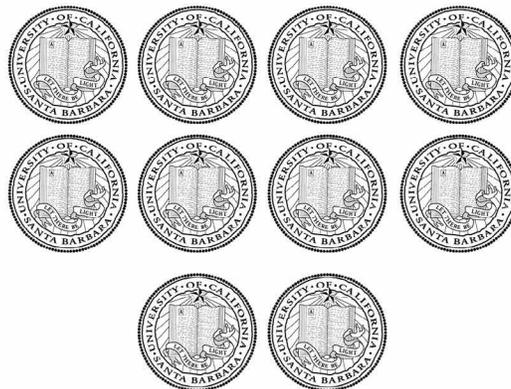
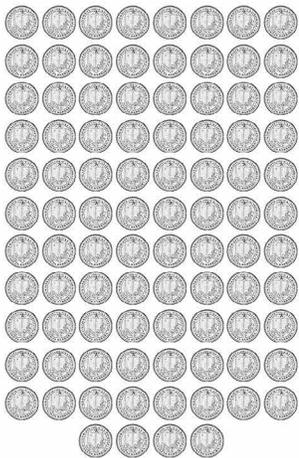
- **March 29, 2-3pm**
General Info Session, 1115 North Hall
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- **April 5, 3-4:30pm**
Transfer Student Info Session, Transfer Center in Library
- **April 9, 12-1pm**
Spring Insight Panel, Buchanan 1940
- **April 19, 3-4:30pm**
Transfer Student Info Session, Transfer Center in Library
- **May 3, 3-4:30pm**
Transfer Student Info Session, Transfer Center in Library

MOVERS & SHAKERS

Of the hundreds of students UCSB sends to the capital every year, a large number seek internships in public service where they get to play a role in helping to shape the policies of the United States.

These students gain real world experience in some of the most prestigious offices in the country, making their contribution to effect change worldwide.

Over the past five years, UCSB has had 92 students intern on Capitol Hill, 10 in the White House and 12 in the Federal Courts.





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