



College Connections

STUDIES AND INTERNSHIPS IN GOVERNMENT

Internships, both paid and unpaid, provide opportunities for students to get hands-on experience in the workplace while learning more about careers that interest them. Students interested in politics and public service can get a first-hand look through a number of programs. Below are a few examples of internship opportunities in New York state government:

New York State Senate Undergraduate Session Assistants Program: In this program, students are assigned to offices of individual Senators and work a minimum of 35 hours a week during the legislative session while earning college credit. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA and should be college juniors or seniors, although exceptional sophomores are occasionally selected. Each student receives a stipend to cover the cost of moving to and living in Albany. More information is available [here](#).

New York State Assembly Internships Program: Each year, the Assembly offers up to 150 college students an opportunity to get involved in state

government. Interns attend Issue Policy Forums and are assigned research and administrative duties in an Assembly office. Students receive college credit and a stipend to cover moving and housing costs. To learn more, go to: <http://assembly.state.ny.us/internship/undergraduates/?sec=main>

Other Internship Opportunities in State Government Offices: The New York State Department of Civil Service has a list, with links, of part-time and full-time internship opportunities with the New York State Assembly, the Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Board, State Education Department, the Governor's Office, the New York State Senate, and other offices. More information can be found at: www.cs.state.ny.us/jobseeker/internopportunities.cfm

The Legislative Gazette, a weekly newspaper that covers New York state government, has internships available for college students with an interest in journalism and politics. Interns are assigned beats to cover and write news stories; they also receive college credit and a stipend for expenses. To learn more, go to: www.legislativegazette.com/internships.htm

A selection of internship programs available through the Federal government or other Washington, D.C.-based organizations are listed below:

- **Pages of the United States Congress:** www.senate.gov/reference/reference_index_subjects/Pages_vrd.htm
- **Students.Gov: Student Gateway to the U.S. Government:** www.students.gov/STUGOVWebApp/Public?topicID=79&operation=topic
- **Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) Congressional Internship Program:** www.cbcfinc.org/Leadership%20Education/Internships/summer.html
- **Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) Summer Internship Program:** www.chci.org/chciyouth/internship/internship.htm
- **Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) Hispanic Internship Program:** www.hnip.net/intern/
- **The Washington Center:** www.twc.edu/

STUDENTS AS ADVOCATES: STUDENT LOBBY DAY 2009



On February 10, 2009, more than 1,000 college students from 70+ independent colleges and universities across New York state converged on the State Capitol in Albany to express their support of state and institutional financial aid and opportunity programs. For students traveling from far corners of the state, this meant round trips

of six hours, or more, to attend the event, which was sponsored by the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (CICU), in partnership with the Association Program Administrators of C-STEP (Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program) and STEP and the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) Professional Organization.

The day began at 9:15 am with registration in the "Well" of the state's Legislative Office Building, followed by a rally and briefing about such programs as the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), Grad TAP, Direct Institutional

("Bundy") Aid, C-STEP, HEOP, and Liberty Partnerships Programs (LPP); a proposed program for low-cost student loans, the New York State Higher Education Loan Program (NYHELPS), was also addressed. Following the rally, students, counselors, administrators and faculty disbursed to hundreds of appointments with lawmakers and legislative staffers.

Those attending Student Lobby Day had the opportunity to speak directly with their elected representatives about specific financial aid and opportunity programs that are most important to them—programs that are helping them attend and succeed in college. They shared their stories—their struggles and their successes—about the importance of getting to college, being in college, and what it meant to their families, their communities and to their futures.

The general atmosphere of Student Lobby Day, one of the largest Lobby Days ever, was of optimism and hope that what these student advocates had to say had been heard. As one student from St. John's University said, "It was beautiful to see democracy in action."

Sources: News release, <http://www.cicu.org/news/release.php?id=241>; News release, http://www.stjohns.edu/academics/undergraduate/liberalarts/pr_aca_090211.news_item@digest.stjohns.edu%2Fabout_us%2Fpr_aca_090211.xml; "Pell grants get lift," Albany Times Union, February 14, 2009, <http://timesunion.com/>

INTERESTED IN GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, POLICY, AND PUBLIC RELATIONS?

Students interested in learning more about government, political science and public policy have many different areas of study and colleges to choose from. In addition to the programs listed below, students may want to explore how societies are organized and governed through time, or focus on politics and policy in other parts of the world. Others may be interested in focusing more on communication between government and its citizens, on advocacy and the crafting of policy. The list below represents a small selection of some of the many bachelor's degree majors, minors or areas of concentration related to government and politics offered at the 100+ independent colleges and universities in New York. The list is not exhaustive and there are many other fascinating fields to explore! To discover which colleges offer a bachelor's degree program, minor, or major area of concentration in other areas of study—

international business or peace studies, for instance — you can search a database containing more than 500 academic programs on New York's private (independent) colleges and universities' admissions and financial aid Web site, www.nycolleges.org. (To access the database directly, please click [here](#)) Here's how to search:

- At Step 1, select a degree-level (associate or bachelor's); (let's pick *bachelor's degree* as an example)
- Step 2 will prompt you to choose an area of study; (let's now select "Social Sciences")
- At Step 3, in this list you'll see the programs of study offered (continuing our example, let's pick "Peace Studies").

A list of colleges and universities offering "Peace Studies" will appear at the bottom of the screen. Click on one of the



colleges to go to their campus profile and link to the college's Web site.

The database is a general listing to start you on a search for academic programs. Always be sure to consult with the colleges directly for details on their programs and to distinguish registered degree programs from minors and major areas of concentration offered within larger programs.

A Selection of Independent Colleges and Universities Offering Programs Related to Public Service

GOVERNMENT

Bard College
Cornell University
Daemen College
Hamilton College
Manhattan College
Sarah Lawrence College
Skidmore College
St. John's University/Queens and Staten Island Campuses
St. Lawrence University
Utica College
Wells College

INTERNATIONAL/COMPARATIVE POLITICAL SCIENCE

Barnard College
Columbia University
Dowling College
Fordham University
Hamilton College
Sarah Lawrence College
Wells College

POLITICAL ECONOMY

Barnard College
Fordham University
Sarah Lawrence College
Skidmore College

POLITICAL SCIENCE/PHILOSOPHY

Adelphi University
Alfred University
Bard College
Barnard College
Canisius College
Clarkson University
Colgate University
The College of New Rochelle
The College of St. Rose
Columbia University

Daemen College
Dowling College
Elmira College
Excelsior College
Fordham University
Hartwick College
Hilbert College
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
Houghton College
Iona College
Ithaca College
Keuka College
The King's College
Le Moyne College
Long Island University/Brooklyn and C.W. Post Campuses
Manhattan College
Manhattanville College
Marist College
Marymount Manhattan College
Mercy College/Dobbs Ferry Campus
Molloy College
Mount St. Mary College
Nazareth College
The New School/ Eugene Lang College
New York Institute of Technology/Manhattan and Old Westbury Campuses
New York University
Niagara University
Nyack College
Pace University/New York City and Pleasantville-Briarcliff Campuses
The Sage Colleges/Russell Sage College
Sarah Lawrence College
Siena College
Skidmore College
St. Bonaventure University
St. Francis College
St. John Fisher College

St. Joseph's College/Brooklyn and Long Island Campuses
St. Lawrence University
Syracuse University
Touro College
Union College
University of Rochester
Utica College
Vassar College
Wagner College
Wells College
Yeshiva University

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Adelphi University
Alfred University
Fordham University
Long Island University/C.W. Post Campus
Marist College
Metropolitan College of New York
New York University
St. John's University/Queens Campus
Syracuse University
Wagner College

PUBLIC AFFAIRS/PUBLIC POLICY STUDIES

Daemen College
Elmira College
Hamilton College
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Rochester Institute of Technology
Sarah Lawrence College
St. Francis College
Syracuse University
Wagner College
Wells College

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Daemen College
Fordham University
Hofstra University
Houghton College

Iona College
Le Moyne College
Long Island University/C.W. Post Campus
Marist College
Mount St. Mary College
Rochester Institute of Technology
St. Francis College
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Syracuse University
Utica College

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