

Hello/Hola/Salut from Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies!

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1) MAHUWENA GOITO - NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS INTERNSHIP



Mahuwena Goito, a BA English Major, participated in a paid internship with the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, D.C. over the summer. Mahuwena would like to share her experience with us:

“The National Endowment for the Arts provides grants to qualifying organizations to use for their arts initiatives. I worked under Ayanna Hudson, the Arts Education Director, Tamika Shingler, the Museums and Visual Arts Specialist, and William Maloney, the Assistant to the Senior Deputy Chairman. I was hired to create and maintain a database for the HBCU White House Initiative. The purpose of the initiative is to allow HBCUs to take

advantage of the grant opportunities offered by the NEA, as well as make these institutions aware of the NEA.

While my main task was to fill out the database, I was given the opportunity to meet and learn about government organizations in and outside of the NEA. On my first day, I attended an HBCU White House Initiative Meeting hosted by the Department of Agriculture. Organizations such as NASA, the Peace Corps, and the Department of Interior were in attendance and working towards creating programs tailored for HBCU students.

Every other Thursday, I attended an HBCU cluster meeting where the members of the cluster, including my supervisors, planned the upcoming HBCU “Dream It - Achieve It” Conference. Learning the process behind planning and marketing the conference was an enlightening experience.

In addition to being privy to the process behind creating the conference, I sat in on Arts Education panel discussions, learned about the grant-making process in the literary arts division, and met with the head of the NEA’s general counsel. I had the opportunity to meet the Curator of Music and Performing Arts of the National Museum of African American History and Culture and explore the museum.

In pursuit of broadening my knowledge of creative writing and publishing, I met 826DC’s Director of Development and spoke with her at length about her organization's involvement with DC schools and published writers such as Neil Gaiman. I attended a meeting at the Smithsonian Center for Folklife & Cultural Heritage where I learned about academic disciplines (Folklore and Museum Studies) that are greatly needed but often pushed to the side. I met with the CEO of Washington Performing Arts and spoke with her and her team about their career trajectories, their current job responsibilities, and received advice on how to forge my way through the professional world.

My experience interning at the National Endowment for the Arts is something I will always look back on fondly and treasure.”

2) NEW PAID INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY: MARYLAND LEGISLATURE

HOW TO APPLY

Contact your college or university intern coordinator, career counselor, or department dean for an application. All placements are made during the fall semester, and applications should be received by the MGA Intern Office by October 31. If you do not know the contact person for your college/university, please call:

Carol Pelli

Intern Coordinator

Phone: 410-946-5124

Washington, DC Area: 301-970-5124

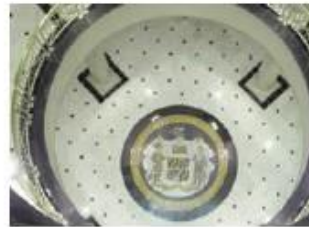
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Legislative Intern Program for College Students



LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIPS

Each year during the session of the Maryland General Assembly, approximately one hundred students are given the opportunity to serve as legislative interns. Upon acceptance into the program, students interview for placement with legislators, committees, or caucuses of the Maryland General Assembly (MGA).

ELIGIBILITY

Students presently enrolled in a public or independent college or university are eligible to apply. Students must be at least 18 years of age, have a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade-point average, and show proof of competency in college composition. A student with a lower GPA may participate in the program if recommended by the sponsoring professor and accepted by the MGA Coordinator. Many of the interns are political science majors; however, students working for degrees in other areas, who are interested in learning firsthand about the process of state government, are encouraged to apply.

Academic credits must be granted to the interns by their colleges and universities. Additional academic work may be required by the sponsoring professors.

WORK ASSIGNMENTS

The type of work assigned the interns is mainly legislative, although some duties are clerical in nature. Legislative responsibilities may include:

- Research
- Writing correspondence
- Preparing, recording, and reporting testimony
- Contacting witnesses
- Attending committee hearings

- Tracking bills
- Working on mailings
- Responding to constituents' inquiries and handling problems
- Writing newsletters

STIPENDS

A stipend is awarded each intern to help defray the costs of participating in the program. The total session stipend varies, depending on the number of days per week the intern works in Annapolis. To be eligible for the program, a student must be able to work a minimum of two full days each week of session.

- \$850 per session = 2 days (15-18 hrs) per week
- \$1,250 per session = 3 days (19-26 hrs) per week
- \$1,650 per session = 4 days (27-31 hrs) per week
- \$2,000 per session = 5 days (32-40 hrs) per week

SESSION

The General Assembly meets annually for a period of 90 calendar days, beginning the second Wednesday in January and continuing through early April. During the initial months, the busiest days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, with few or no committee hearings scheduled for Mondays or Fridays. Most legislators would like their interns to work the three days from Tuesday through Thursday or full-time. However, realizing the demands of college scheduling, the General Assembly accepts students who are able to work only two days per week.

Since the legislature does not take any holidays during its 90-day session, interns are required to commit themselves to a weekly work schedule and to take no holidays or spring break.

3) NEW PAID FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY: DEPARTMENT OF STATE



Frasure-Kruzel-Drew Memorial Fellowship at the U.S. Department of State



Want to pursue a career in **national security, foreign affairs, or humanitarian assistance**? Apply for the Frasure-Kruzel-Drew Memorial Fellowship to help manage Conventional Weapons Destruction programs in the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Political-Military Affairs. College seniors, graduate students, and recent grads are eligible.



During this **two-year paid fellowship**, you will oversee conventional munitions threat reduction and humanitarian demining projects while collaborating with foreign governments, NGOs, international organizations, and other U.S. government agencies. Previous fellows have gone on to successful careers with the U.S. Department of State, UN, NGOs, and private sector.

The FKD Fellowship is administered by James Madison University's Center for International Stabilization and Recovery.

Apply by November 7, 2019 at <https://www.jmu.edu/cisr/other/fellowship.html>

The two-year, paid Frasure-Kruzel-Drew Memorial Fellowship is available to seniors, graduate students, and recent graduates (within one year of graduation) from any four-year, accredited college or university in the United States. Fellows (from any major) will oversee conventional munitions threat reduction and humanitarian demining projects at the DOS in Washington, D.C. while collaborating with foreign governments, NGOs, international organizations, and other U.S. government agencies. Previous fellows have gone on to successful careers with the U.S. Department of State, UN, NGOs, and private sector. International travel to visit U.S.-funded development programs is likely.

Click here to learn more about the fellowship: <http://www.jmu.edu/cisr/other/fellowship.shtml>. For questions or additional information, please email cisr@jmu.edu or call 540-568-2718.

The application deadline is November 7 by 5pm, with the fellowship term set to begin July 2020.

4) GUEST LECTURE: REV. NORMAN ALLEN: SEPTEMBER 10



Rev. Norman Allen, minister of the Davies Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Camp Springs, MD, will guest lecture in Dr. Horacio Sierra's ENGL 254: Queer Cultural Studies class on Christianity and Queer Identity. The class will then engage in an in-the-round conversation based on readings from the Bible, theology, and personal experience within the context of Queer Studies.

Rev. Allen's work in liberal theology and social justice includes a series of publications for the Human Rights Campaign offering guidance for those who are people of faith and members of the LGBTQ+ community. Rev. Norm's essays and commentary have appeared in the Washington Post, Baltimore Sun, and Smithsonian, as well as on websites for OnBeing, Tikkun, Howlround and others.

The lecture is open to all and will take place in JEP 110, 11:00-12:15.

5) HBCU JOB FAIR: SEPTEMBER 11

White House Initiative on HBCUs



The White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities will host a Student and Young Alumni Career Fair from 11AM-2PM at the Renaissance Downtown Hotel in Washington, D.C on September 11. The fair is free and open to all. Representatives from the public and private sector will be on-site, some come armed with your resumes

and dressed in professional attire. Onsite interviewing and networking tips will also take place during the Career Fair. Students and Alumni are encouraged and welcomed to attend ALL conference sessions and the Career Fair.

Click her for more information: <https://sites.ed.gov/whhbcu/hbcu-week-conference/2019-national-hbcu-week-conference/>

6) SIGMA TAU DELTA



Membership Requirements:

- Candidates for undergraduate membership must have completed a minimum of two college courses in English language or literature beyond the usual requirements in freshman English. The candidate must have a minimum of a B or equivalent average in English and in general scholarship and must have completed at least three semesters or five quarters of college course work. Candidates for undergraduate membership need not be majoring or minoring in the discipline of English.
- Candidates for graduate membership who did not hold undergraduate membership must be enrolled in a graduate program in English or one of its specializations, have completed six semester hours of graduate work or the equivalent, and have a minimum grade point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale.
- Lifetime Membership Fee: \$80. \$35 goes to the Nu Nu chapter, which will bestow you with Honor Cords and a Medallion at your Induction Ceremony that you can wear during graduation. The other \$45 goes to Sigma Tau Delta's national office, which will supply you with your Sigma Tau Delta society pin and certificate. The fee must be paid in cash.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please email hsierra@bowiestate.edu