



THE WASHINGTON MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION TO THE MFP SEARCH

Overview of the Search Process

- ❖ Prepare your application materials (reference the Washington Mentorship Program)
 - ◆ American University Washington Mentorship Program, Fall 2010
 - ◆ *Participating in a select, experiential learning program for freshmen that includes an internship and seminars with key decision makers*
- ❖ Proof (and re-proof!) résumé, cover letter, and emails carefully
- ❖ Keep an open mind while brainstorming and researching potential MFP sites
- ❖ Be prepared to use different modes of communication strategically
- ❖ Apply to a variety of places
- ❖ Follow up
- ❖ Know how to react to a “no”
- ❖ Seize networking opportunities during and after the search
- ❖ Plan your approach and continually set goals
- ❖ Keep track of process (see chart)

Washington Semester Program Resources

- ❖ Washington Semester Databases (including Fall 2010 MFP Guide)
- ❖ Internship/MFP Bazaar (Monday, August 24, 2010)
- ❖ Opportunities Bulletin Board (Constitution Building Lobby)
- ❖ Washington Mentorship Faculty and Staff
- ❖ Washington Mentorship Student Colleagues
- ❖ Washington Mentorship Alumni Site Evaluations
- ❖ Washington Semester Internship Office
- ❖ Email Updates (available via Internship Office)
- ❖ Networking Opportunities
- ❖ Websites, Books, and Other Resources

Expectations for your MFP

- ❖ Be realistic
- ❖ Approach the semester as a whole
- ❖ Make the best of every situation
- ❖ As applicable, seize project-driven opportunities

Questions or concerns?

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