IMAGINE
your students interning three days a week at BBC News, Black Lives Matter, or the United States Senate.

THINK
how these experiences could deepen students’ understanding of global, national, and local issues, enrich their studies, and set a path for their future careers.

CONSIDER
the Washington Semester Program.

“| CAN TRUTHFULLY SAY THAT THE PROGRAM CHANGED MY LIFE.
I LEARNED TO NAVIGATE THE PROFESSIONAL WORLD.”

WELCOME TO
YOUR WASHINGTON SEMESTER PROGRAM

CAREER SUCCESS STARTS HERE
Since 1947, the Washington Semester Program (WSP) has given thousands of students the kind of education that cannot be acquired in a classroom. By meeting the people, seeing the organizations, and doing the work that makes DC run, students gain experience and skills that lay the foundation for a successful career and sustainable leadership.

Visit www.american.edu/washsem for more information and rich content.
PREPARE YOUR STUDENTS FOR THE JOB MARKET

In the Washington Semester Program, students will gain substantive real-world skills while doing rewarding work as an intern in DC. In addition, they will expand their network and acquire valuable experience that gives them an edge to compete in the job market.

OUR PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

STEP 1: RESUME & COVER LETTER
Experienced WSP administrators work with students to develop a professional resume and cover letter to optimize their work, volunteer history, and academic achievements.

STEP 2: SECURE AN INTERNSHIP
Our Experiential Education Director helps students engage with hundreds of DC employers. Every semester WSP hosts an on-site internship fair and students have access to a database of over 3,000 active opportunities.

STEP 3: INTERVIEW TRAINING
From an elevator pitch to practice questions to mock interviews and dress code, our administrators provide group training and individual coaching.

STEP 4: ONGOING SUPPORT
WSP faculty and administrators engage with students throughout the semester, preparing them for what to expect in the workplace and providing solutions to challenges they may face.

ALUMNI SUCCESS
SEE WHERE WSP ALUMS LAND

Steven Cook
Vassar College
Senior Fellow for Middle East and Africa
Council on Foreign Relations

Kelsey Donahue
Marist College
Communications Director
Harvard Institute of Politics

Alison Germak
Susquehanna University
Corporate Development Director
US International Development Finance Corporation

Ariana Hooks
Santa Clara University
Deputy Data Director
Spread the Vote

Lori Lightfoot
University of Michigan
Mayor
City of Chicago

Paul Ryan
Santa Clara University
Former Speaker of the House of Representatives

Kami Simmons
Kalamazoo College
Journalist
FOX West Texas at TEGNA

Sam Tatevosyan
University of Denver
Director of Government and Public Affairs
McDonald’s Corporation

Jheanelle Wilkins
University of Delaware
Maryland State Delegate, District 20
Maryland General Assembly
**INTERNSHIP = EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**

Students bring their knowledge and skills back to their home campus and to their future professional endeavors. During the semester in DC, students see firsthand how policies are made or how organizations are run. They build a professional network while developing the skills employers are seeking. These skills and professional work habits build students’ confidence and motivation.

**WSP INTERNS DEVELOP REAL-WORLD SKILLS**

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EXTEND YOUR CURRICULUM TO DC
WSP provides a platform for ambitious and diverse learners to take advantage of all that DC has to offer. Seminar topics include: American Politics, US Foreign Policy, Global Economics and Business, Justice and Law, and Journalism and New Media. Faculty lead students behind the scenes in government, non-profit, and corporate settings to learn from global, national, and local experts.

SITE VISITS AND GUEST SPEAKERS HAVE INCULDED:
- George Beebe, Vice President, Center for the National Interest
- Tucker Carlson, Political Commentator, Fox News
- Ryan Costello, former Congressman & WSP alum
- Andrew Kalafarski, VP of Securities Division at Goldman Sachs
- Christine Lagard, Managing Director, IMF
- Susan Molinari, former Head of Google’s DC office
- Chuk Todd, TV Journalist, Meet the Press
- Machelle Williams, Senior Director, Volkswagen
- Jim Yong Kim, President, World Bank

AU’S GLOBAL CAMPUS
As a part of American University’s community, Washington Semester Program students have access to world leaders, scholars, and elected officials from around the globe, discussing pressing issues and topics of the day.

RECENT SPEAKERS ON CAMPUS:
- President Barack Obama
- Chilean President Michelle Bachelet
- Primatologist Jane Goodall
- Jordanian Queen Noor al-Hussein
- Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
- Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres
- Archbishop Desmond Tutu
- Polish President Lech Walesa
- Bolivian President Evo Morales
- Saudi Arabian Prince Turki al-Faisal
- Author and Activist Elie Wiesel
- Secretary of State Madeleine Albright
- Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg
PROGRAM SUPPORT
WSP faculty and staff provide one-on-one support to help ensure your students are experiencing well-run and enriching programs. We provide academic advising, student services support, professional development workshops and coaching, and social activities.

CAMPUS RESOURCES
Washington Semester Program students, have access to all American University resources. Here are just a few of the resources available:

- Student Health Center
- Student Counseling Center
- U-Pass (unlimited Metro access)
- 150+ clubs and organizations
- Academic Support and Access Center
- Intramural sports
- University Library
- Two fitness centers

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION
American University values a community where individuals of all identities and experiences are understood, appreciated, and fully included, and where equitable treatment, opportunities, and outcomes prevail.

The prominence of AU’s Plan for Inclusive Excellence and Office of Diversity and Inclusion reflect the university’s commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion—the cornerstone for achieving institutional and educational excellence.

INTERNATIONAL
In 2019, almost 2,300 international students from 119 countries attended American University, making it one of the most international universities in the nation.
TERRELL AUSTIN
Terrell Austin brings 10 years of experience to her role as the Partner Relationship Director. Helping students explore specialized career paths and apply their skills and knowledge in real-world settings is the hallmark of her work. She is delighted to work with Washington Semester Program partners to offer unparalleled experiences and make a life-changing semester in DC a reality for your students.

MEET ADAM ANTHONY
Adam Anthony oversees the Washington Semester Programs. Prior to AU, he served as executive director of a similar university program, establishing a wide variety of academic programs in DC and helping to grow their presence in the Washington area. He previously worked for the Council for Excellence in Government, Fleishman Hillard public relations, and in a variety of positions in electoral politics.