

Writing & Reporting Dean's Internship with The Washington Post – Spring 2019

The Washington Post Dean's Intern will write news and feature stories to report on metro stories (community activities, education, transportation, crime) to be published on washingtonpost.com or print edition.

PREREQUISITE:

The Post requires that Dean's Intern candidates must have worked for or had a prior internship with a media organization, and a career commitment to journalism.

Dates & Hours

- January - May; Weekly schedule to be arranged with Washington Post supervisor.
- Approximately 20 hours per week; generally expected to work at least two full days covering assignments.

Compensation: Dean's Interns are paid \$13.25 per hour by The Post.

Location: The Washington Post is located at 1301 K St., NW, accessible by Red Line, Farragut North Metro Stop

Application Procedure:

To apply, submit the following materials to deansinternships@american.edu:

- Application (pages 2 and 3 of this document) **Please note:** After completing your typed application, please save the file as a .pdf and title it in your name using this format: LastName-WashPost.pdf
- Resume (save as LastName-Resume-WashPost.doc)
- Submit three appropriate writing samples of stories you have had published by other news organizations. List the stories with their links if your work is accessible through the news website. Otherwise, combine the three stories into one word document and include with each where and when it was published (save as LastName-WorkSample-WashPost.doc).

Application Deadline: 11:00 pm Tuesday, October 23, 2018

You must have a **minimum OVERALL GPA of 3.5** and no academic violations to apply to this Dean's Internship. There may be additional intern positions available on *The Washington Post's* [website](#) or through AU's [Career Center](#). The Dean's Internship position is open to undergraduate (juniors and seniors) and graduate students (after their first semester) with a major or minor in SOC. Students who successfully complete their Dean's Internship will be presented with the distinguished DI medallion to wear during Commencement.

Based on the strength of your application and a faculty review of applicants, the portfolios of the top candidates who most strongly match the position's criteria will be shared with *The Washington Post*.

Their hiring supervisor will make the final decision. You **may** be contacted directly by *The Washington Post* at any time following the application. Please let us know if you are offered the position since you will likely hear first.

NOTE: If you would like academic credit for this Dean's Internship, you need to contact your academic advisor directly to determine eligibility based on your remaining degree requirements. If eligible for credit, you must complete all registration and release forms, and enroll for internship supervision prior to the 'Add' course deadline.

SOC REQUIREMENTS:

- Each Dean's Intern must provide a brief biography and photo of themselves so that SOC can announce your selection and feature you on SOC's [website](#) and social media
- DI's must also submit on-the-job action photos or selfies for the Dean's Intern [Blog](#).

Questions? Contact Lydia Schindler, Dean's Intern Manager, lydias@american.edu; 202-885-2220. Or drop by McKinley #212 and introduce yourself.

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Name: _____

Are you a graduate or undergraduate student? _____

Expected graduation month and year: _____

Major: _____ GPA: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Website / Online portfolio: _____

Can you commit to work at least two full days per week? _____

Days and times you are available to commit, Mon. – Fri. between the hours of 9am - 6pm:

Please answer the following questions:

1. Why are you the best candidate for the position?

2. This position requires the intern to report stories for multiple platforms. Please tell us about your experience and strengths in this area.

3. What should this employer know about you and your work habits?

4. What are your career aspirations? How will this internship help you achieve these?

5. Provide the names of three SOC professors, along with their email addresses, who best know your work.