U.S. Trade Representative - Spring 2016 Internships

The U.S. Trade Representative is currently recruiting Spring 2016 interns. The information listed below is a brief description of the agency and internship experience, which may be of interest to your students looking to participate in a Washington Semester Program.

Brief Summary
The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) is seeking interns for Spring 2016. USTR is responsible for developing and coordinating U.S. international trade, commodity, and direct investment policy, and overseeing negotiations with other countries. USTR is headed by Ambassador Michael Froman, a Cabinet member who serves as the President’s principal trade advisor, negotiator, and spokesperson on trade issues. The agency is part of the Executive Office of the President. Through an interagency structure, USTR coordinates trade policy, resolves disagreements, and frames issues for presidential decision.

Opportunities are available in a variety of offices within the political component of USTR, including the Office of the Ambassador, Congressional Affairs, Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement, and Press and Media Affairs. Interns within all of these offices are responsible for a range of duties and work closely with staff in supporting Ambassador Froman’s short- and long-term priorities. Tasks include compiling briefing books and press clips, drafting memos, conducting time-sensitive and substantive research projects, assisting with scheduling, drafting correspondence, and covering meetings and events. With the recent passing of the Trans-Pacific Trade Agreement (TPP), the USTR will be engaged in a proactive campaign for congressional passage of the TPP this spring, the centerpiece of President Obama’s foreign policy “rebalance” to Asia. It is an extremely unique perspective for those interested in the formation and intersection of international policy, congressional affairs, and public engagement.

Qualifications
The Office of the Ambassador is currently seeking candidates with a strong academic record as well as demonstrated leadership within the community, an interest in government or public service, and a background in international relations, economics, or a related field. Students and recent graduates selected for the internship will demonstrate excellent writing and research skills and the ability to multi-task and work in a fast-paced environment. Interns will be expected to exhibit a positive attitude, be dependable, and be willing to complete tasks as assigned.

Internship Description

Application Link
http://ustr.theresumator.com/apply

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further guidance and/or questions. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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