



Master of Science in Foreign Service Internships

Frequently Asked Questions

Internships are an integral part of a student's graduate education and can be a part-time job which is paid, unpaid or completed for academic credit.

Where do MSFS students intern?

Students find internships in public, private, and non-profit sectors. During the school year students work in the Washington, DC metropolitan area with a variety of organizations. During the summer, approximately 50% of students intern abroad, while the rest typically work in DC or New York City.

When do students typically intern?

Students generally intern for two or three semesters: spring of the first year, the summer between, and the fall of the second year. We advise first-year students to take time during their first semester to adjust to academics, update their resume, and consider the career options.

How many students intern during the fall, spring, and summer terms?

Approximately 50% of students intern during the fall semester, 50% intern during the spring semester, and 95% intern over the summer.

How many hours a week do students work?

Students are permitted to work up to 20 hours per week at an internship during the academic year, and full-time (40 hours) during the summer.

Are internships usually paid or unpaid?

Internships vary from organization to organization. In Washington, DC it is not unusual for an organization to offer only unpaid internships. However, MSFS students have been very successful at securing paid positions - between 40-60% of students who intern are paid.

What resources are available to MSFS students?

Once enrolled in the fall, students have access to our Internship Database which lists over 1500 organizations, Internship Postings updated regularly by the MSFS Internship Coordinator, and the online Alumni Database. Your fellow students, professors, and career development staff will also be available for one-on-one meetings.

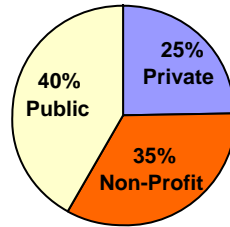
Are there additional career development activities offered by MSFS?

Yes. The MSFS Internship Coordinator organizes local DC Alumni Days in the fall, and the annual New York City Trip in January. These trips are an opportunity for students to understand careers in the different sectors, as well as network with MSFS alumni. Additionally, career talks are held every year on campus. In the 2006-2007 Academic Year these panels included: Careers on Capitol Hill; Careers in the Energy Sector; Careers in Microenterprise; Careers with Think Tanks; Careers with the United Nations.



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Internships by Sector Semester Average



SAMPLE INTERNSHIPS

Fall - Spring

Summer

PUBLIC

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
Embassy of Jordan
Senator Diane Feinstein's Office
Inter-American Development Bank
International Finance Corporation
OPIC
US Institute for Peace
US Department of Treasury
US Department of State
UN Development Programme
World Bank - MIGA

PUBLIC

Central Intelligence Agency
German Marshall Fund of the United States
Int'l Organization for Migration, *Costa Rica*
UNHCR, *Tanzania*
USAID, *Ghana*
US Foreign Commercial Service, *Mexico*
US Department of Defense
US Department of State – *DC and worldwide*
US Trade Representative
UN Trade and Development, *New York City*
World Bank - MIGA

NON-PROFIT

Alternative Credit Technologies, LLC
Brookings Institution
Conservation International
Council on Foreign Relations
Human Rights First
International Crisis Group
InterAction
Inter-American Dialogue
Oxfam America
Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars

NON-PROFIT

American Refugee Committee, *Guinea*
CHF International, *Sudan*
Center for Strategic & International Studies
Freedom House, *New York City*
FINCA International, *Peru & El Salvador*
Mercy Corps, *Lebanon*
Omid Learning Center, *Afghanistan*
Partners for Development, *Bosnia*
Techno-Serve, *Honduras*
Save the Children

PRIVATE

Albright Group, LLC
ABC News
Development Alternatives, Inc.
Dalberg Global Development Advisors
Eli Lilly & Company
Fontheim International
IBM
Kissinger-McLarty Associates
PFC Energy
The Cohen Group
Washington Policy & Analysis

PRIVATE

Booz-Allen Hamilton
Cambridge Energy Research Associates
Credit Suisse, *New York City*
Coca-Cola Company, *Atlanta*
Eurasia Group
Lehman Brothers
Medtronic
PriceWaterhouseCoopers
Shell, *Turkey*
Shearman & Sterling, *New York City*
Wall Street Journal, *Belgium*