



Future Leaders in Public Service Internship Program

UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

Since 2022, the [Future Leaders in Public Service Internship Program](#) has placed over 600 talented students in paid internships across federal agencies—empowering the next generation of public servants. Through this initiative, the [Partnership for Public Service](#) provides government placements, cohort support, orientation, professional development, and alumni engagement.

The Partnership seeks university partners to fund student stipends at the rate of \$5,000 minimum for 10-15 students for Summer 2027. Thanks to external grant funding, the Partnership will provide the following:

- Application management between agencies and interns
- Internship placement with a state, local, or federal agency
- Onboarding support
- Orientation
- Customer service
- Professional development for Summer 2027

UNIVERSITY PARTNER REQUIREMENTS

- Ability to fund student stipends at the rate of \$5,000 for full-time internships. Stipends can be disbursed as scholarship or financial aid.
- Fund a minimum of 10-15 students for Summer 2027.

SELECTED INTERNS WILL RECEIVE

- 10 - 12 week internship at approximately 32 - 40 hours/week with a local, state, or federal government agency.
- Professional development sessions.
- Orientation and onboarding sessions.
- Access to an extensive alumni network.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:
[GOGOVERNMENT.ORG/FELLOWSHIPS/FUTURE-LEADERS-IN-PUBLIC-SERVICE-INTERNSHIP-PROGRAM](https://gogovernment.org/fellowships/future-leaders-in-public-service-internship-program)

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WHO SHOULD PARTNER

Program partners may include higher education institutions and internship programs looking to provide their students with direct pathways to local, state or federal government. Partners will collaborate with the Partnership to market and recruit students of all majors interested in public service for placements in public administration, public interest technology, data science and AI-related placements. Partners do not have to be located in the D.C. area, and the Partnership will secure a wide range of agency partners at the local, state and federal levels, possibly in the region of university partners.

STUDENT APPLICATION CRITERIA

Students who apply to the Future Leaders program must satisfy the following eligibility requirements:



- Must be a U.S. citizen.
- Be actively enrolled in an accredited undergraduate or graduate program, including community college students and PhD candidates.
- Undergraduates must be a sophomore or rising sophomore at the time of the internships in Summer 2027.
- Have at least a 2.5 GPA.
- Must successfully complete any background checks as required by agency partners
- Emphasis Public Interest Technology, AI and Data Science, though students from **all** majors can apply.

CURRENT AND PAST AGENCY PARTNERS



- General Services Administration
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- National Science Foundation
- Small Business Administration
- State of California
- State of Maryland
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Department of Commerce
- U.S. Department of Defense
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- U.S. Department of the Interior
- U.S. Department of Transportation

EXAMPLE PROGRAM TIMELINE



- **August 14, 2026: University Partner MOUs due**
- September - December 2026: Summer 2027 application period.
- January 2027: Applicants are notified of eligibility status. Eligible applicants will receive instructions on next steps.
- February - March 2027: Virtual interviews conducted by agencies.
- April - May 2027: Background check process begins.
- May 2027: Virtual Orientation.
- June 2027: Internship Begins.
- August 2027: End of internship.

The Partnership for Public Service is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that believes good government starts with good people. We help government serve the needs of all Americans by strengthening the civil service and the systems that support it. With our focus on innovation in public service, our internship program is uniquely designed for engaging early career talent.