

Why Should I Apply?

“The Tennessee General Assembly provides endless opportunities for learning practical working skills, leadership qualities, and the finer details of governing that cannot be taught by a textbook.”

—Bailey

“I didn’t know what to expect when I began the internship, but as interns you are treated as part of the process and given an inside look at what it takes to govern. From leadership down to the staff, everyone is treated with respect.”

—Blake H.

“My experience as a legislative intern has been nothing short of life-changing. It has been the best four months of my life.”

—Ravan

“Our General Assembly provides a unique, and real life learning opportunity to help students become the future leaders of their communities and our state,” said Tennessee House Speaker Cameron Sexton. “I appreciate our interns for their passion and dedication to learning more about public service, and I hope this experience helps lead them to answer the call to serve.”

- House Speaker Cameron Sexton

Details

- Spring semester only
- Full-time position
- Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
- Earn credit hours
- Weekly Stipend of \$400

Intern Activities and Projects

During the semester, the intern class participates in various extracurricular activities and projects. Some examples are:

- Nashville Sounds Baseball Game
- Visit Riverbend Maximum Security Prison
- Visit to a nursing home
- Collect items for homeless shelter
- Visit Tennessee State Museum
- Visit Tennessee Supreme Court
- Mock Legislative Session
- Interns/Members Basketball Game



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TENNESSEE *Legislative* INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

*We invite you to apply for
this very exciting program!*



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The Tennessee Legislative Internship Program is an opportunity for students to spend the spring semester in Nashville working for the Tennessee General Assembly. Students devote full-time to their legislative duties during the term of the internship.



Throughout the semester, they attend weekly meetings and hear from various speakers on state government with an emphasis on the legislature and the legislative process. As a final project, students will participate in a mock session which includes the election of leadership, drafting, and presenting legislation for discussion and approval.

Who is Eligible?

Eligibility for participation in the program is limited to students in Tennessee colleges and universities. Eligible students must be in their junior or senior year studying law, political science, history, administration, social work, economics, sociology, journalism or who are graduate students. The student must be enrolled at the time of application in a public or private college in Tennessee and have a 3.0 or better GPA.



How Do I Apply?

Students should contact the official faculty representative from their college or university for more details. A list of representatives is available at www.capitol.tn.gov/joint/staff/administration/intern.html. You may also contact the legislative internship program director at shirley.frierson@capitol.tn.gov.

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"Learning the political process has and will continue to aid me in my professional career. This internship has opened my mind and future to pathways I had not considered before. I would recommend this program for anyone and everyone who has an interest in being a public servant."

—Sydney

"It's been the best experience of my life. It has been an honor to serve the people of TN."

—Jocelyn

"The legislative internship program was an amazing experience to see the inner workings of our state government. I learned a lot and got to feel like a part of the legislative process."

—Amanda M.

"The skills, experience, and professional connections I gained from this internship helped put me on the path to my current career in the Senate Clerk's Office. Applying for the legislative internship program was one of the best decisions I could have made."

—Katelin

"Our internship program provides invaluable experience to students interested in learning more about their state government. Many interns in our program go on to serve as elected officials and staff at the highest levels in state government. We are committed to making sure our interns learn as much as possible in the short time they are with us. We are grateful to have their assistance."

—Lt. Gov. Randy McNally