



## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT FOR FOREIGN NATIONAL STUDENT INTERN PROGRAM

U.S. Mission, Canada

### Economic and Political Section (Vancouver) \*UNPAID INTERNSHIP\*

Open to: Non-U.S. Citizen Students\*. Candidates must be enrolled half-time or more in a trade school, technical or vocational institute, college, university or comparable recognized educational institute in the field of Communication, Journalism, International Affairs, Public Affairs, Social Sciences, Humanities or related areas. Candidate must have completed at least two years of university-level work.

Posting Date: June 10, 2015 Application Closing date: Open until filled

Duration: Fall 2015 semester

**\*American citizens are not eligible to apply for this internship. American students who are interested in internships should apply to the program found at <http://canada.usembassy.gov/about-us/human-resources/internships.html>.**

The U.S. Consulate General Vancouver is offering internships for students for the Fall 2015 semester in the Economic and Political Section. These are unpaid internships; as such, the Intern will not be considered an employee of the U.S. Government nor be entitled to payment for his/her service.

**Duties of the Position:** Duties will include drafting memorandums and researching major economic developments between the U.S. and Canada. Candidate will work closely with U.S. Diplomats to draft reports on emerging political and economic issues. Candidate will have the opportunity to research and draft diplomatic cables (i.e. a report) on economic and political issues. Duties may also include preparing briefings, bios, and talking points for senior officials at various events.

**Qualifications Required:**

**Experience:** Demonstrated potential to accomplish the type of work to be performed.

**Language:** Level IV (fluent) speaking/writing/reading English is required.

**Knowledge:** Familiarity with Canadian economic and political landscape, with particular emphasis on British Columbia.

**Skills/Abilities:** Interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills; organizational skills; ability to work as a team as well as independently; computer skills (Word, Excel,); good judgment and problem-solving skills; flexibility and a sense of humor.

**Additional Selection Criteria:**

- Applicant must be at least 18 years of age at the time of appointment;
- Applicant must be in good academic standing at current educational institute; and
- Applicant must be able to pass a medical exam and a U.S. non-sensitive security clearance and possess their own medical insurance.

Applicants are expected to commit to an internship of at least six (6) weeks in length, with a minimum of 15-20 hours per week. Full time, 40 hours per week, is preferable. Work schedules are at the discretion of the Supervisor.

Previous interns have gone on to work with Aboriginal Affairs & Northern Development Canada, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Illuminate Consulting Group, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability, and the Calgary Chamber of Commerce.

**To Apply:**

Submit the following documentation prior to the closing date of the Vacancy Announcement:

- Completed Application form;
- Statement of Interest outlining objectives/motivations in seeking an internship and how one's academic courses and other experiences relate to the advertised position;
- Recommendation from the educational institute to participate in the Intern program; and
- If non-Canadian, copies of a valid study permit or other valid documents issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada which provides a student with legal status in Canada to undertake an unpaid internship.
- Writing sample: Attach a brief, concise writing sample. Examples include briefing reports prepared in class, summaries of major political or economic issues, policy recommendations, or excerpts from longer research papers.

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\*Application documents can be found online at <http://canada.usembassy.gov/about-us/human-resources/internships.html>.

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