

Political Internship Opportunities

This list comprises the sites that the department knows will take applications for internships. *Note, many internships have application deadlines. So knowing in advance which semester you intend to apply for and what the deadlines are is important.* Some of these sites have formal applications that require cover letters, recommendations, and resumes. Others have a less formal application process that requires personal contact both on your part and/or the department. Please see Dr. Krassas immediately if you have an interest in an internship other than one on this list. Contact info for Dr. Krassas is below.

Connecticut General Assembly

Students working in the Connecticut general assembly are assigned as individual staff members to a state legislator or legislators. Responsibilities typically include constituent service, issue research, bill tracking, committee hearings and public hearings. There is a formal application that is due on November 1, so please start the process of the website: <https://www.cga.ct.gov/ISC/future.asp> and let Dr. Krassas know of your intention to apply. General Assembly Internships are only available in the spring semester.

Connecticut Governor's Office

Through this internship, you can get an in-depth understanding of the legislative process from the Executive Branch and participate in the daily operations within the Governor's administration. Questions and application submissions can be directed to Kathryn Damato, Kathryn.damato@ct.gov. For more information: <https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/Contact/Intern-at-the-Governors-Office>

Connecticut Lieutenant Governor's Office

This Internship Program provides an opportunity to learn the inner workings of state government. It seeks to supplement classroom instruction by offering exposure to different facets of state government while performing a variety of assignments. Apply here: <https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Lt-Governor/Contact/Intern-at-the-Lt-Governors-Office>

Congressional Offices

Every member of Congress (House and Senate) in Connecticut will take interns in their state/district office. All members have online application processes on their websites. One example is John B Larson, Connecticut's 1st congressional district representative. [Internships Congressman John Larson \(house.gov\)](#) Please see Dr. Krassas if you cannot find the application online.

Connecticut Commission on Equity and Opportunity

This commission is the result of the merging of three independent commissions (African American Affairs, Asian Pacific American Affairs and Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs). Interns in this office would be working on policy development and research on model policy related to African Americans, Asian and Pacific Americans and Puerto Ricans in the state. Included in responsibilities might also be studies of the status of impacted populations and the impact of existing policies on those populations. Interested students should send a message to the Commission at: ctceo@cga.ct.gov.

Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities

The internship is designed for students with a specific interest in employment, housing, labor and other forms of discrimination like school bullying or racial profiling, or students more generally wanting to gain an exposure to the practice of law or public service. This internship is ideal for someone who may want to consider becoming an attorney, as students work in the agency's Legal Division or Office of Public Hearings in Hartford. For more information: <http://www.ct.gov/chro/cwp/view.asp?a=4235&q=499612&chroNav=|5474|>.

Connecticut Commission on Women, Children and Seniors

Interns in this office would be working on policy development and research on model policy related to women, children and seniors in CT. Included in responsibilities might also be studies of the status of impacted populations and the impact of existing policies on those populations. Interested students will find the application process at: <https://ctcwcs.com/internships/>.

Connecticut Democratic and Republican Parties

Both state party organizations offer internship opportunities. For more information, go to their websites:

Connecticut Democratic Party: info@ctdems.org

Connecticut Republican Party: info@ct.gop

CT Department of Education

The CT department of Education has numerous internship opportunities for college interns. While some are for students seeking to be teachers, others are more about policy and advocacy. Further information about Education Department Internships can be found at: [Career Opportunities--Job Opportunities \(ct.gov\)](#)

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Interns with the Connecticut department of environmental protection work in a variety of ways to help complete the mission of the agency—to enforce all state environmental protection law. Students are typically involved in a variety of regulatory projects, including policy development. For more information on internships and application details, go to their website at: <http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2688&q=322346>.

Connecticut Department of Public Health

The Department of Public Health, charged with regulating all aspects of health from aspects of the environment, to workplaces to disease outbreaks has internships available in their government relations office. Students generally assist the office in developing and implementing their legislative agenda. If you are a double major or have a minor with Health Sciences, DPH might be the place for you. The application can be found online at <http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3131&Q=396394>.

Connecticut Judicial Branch

The Judicial Branch of the State of Connecticut has internships either in the court or probation system. Students interested in the criminal justice system should consider this one. You can find the CT Judicial Branch internship form at their website: <https://www.jud.ct.gov/elp/undergrad.htm>.

Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM)

OPM functions as the Governor's staff agency and plays a central role in state government, providing the information and analysis used to formulate public policy for the State. This agency works on: preparing the Governor's budget proposal and implementing the execution of the budget as adopted by the General Assembly; analyzing and assessing the financial, programmatic, and legislative proposals of State agencies, the General Assembly, and the federal government; coordinating/leading interagency problem-solving efforts. Applications and information about OPM internships can be found at: <http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=3007&q=386390&opmNav=1>.

Connecticut Secretary of State

The Secretary of State's office has a variety of internship opportunities available including assisting in the regulation of elections. For of specific opportunities and the application process, visit the Secretary of State's Internship website at: portal.ct.gov/SOTS. For more information, please see Dr. Krassas.

ECSU Institute for Sustainable Energy,

Eastern's Institute for Sustainable Energy needs interns to assist them with both their policy/research agenda as well as their legislative agenda. Some internship possibilities are paid, but those would not be eligible for credit. Whether you are interested in paid or unpaid internships through the ISE, please contact Patricia Szczys at (860) 465 – 4324 or szczysp@easternct.edu

Rome Smith Lutz & Kowalski

Rome Smith & Lutz is a government relation firm that provides lobbying services in the state capital. If you think you are interested in lobbying, Rome, Smith & Lutz is a well-connected organization with a range of clients from the for profit to the not-for profit world. For more information, contact the firm at RSLK@consult-ct.com. *Note: Lobbying internships are generally only available in the spring semester when the legislature is in session.*

The CT Group

The Connecticut Group, LLC, a Farmington, Connecticut based government affairs firm that is sometimes looking for sessional interns. The intern will spend roughly 85% of their time at the State Capitol complex in Hartford, Connecticut, and the other 15% at our office or at events throughout the state. Please contact jobrien@connecticutgroup.net for more information. *Note: Lobbying internships are generally only available in the spring semester when the legislature is in session.*

Latin American News Digest

The *Latin American News Digest* is seeking qualified students for a limited number of internships. Student writers and researchers contribute to our weekly issues by aggregating and writing summaries of news articles found in Latin American sources. Interns must possess excellent writing skills in English **and** advanced reading skills in Spanish. Ability to read Portuguese is a plus. Please contact Professor Krassas for more information about this internship.

Katerva

Katerva is a global, virtual, volunteer-based organization whose mission is to identify, evaluate and accelerate the efforts of disruptive innovators and entrepreneurs intent on improving the state of the world. For more information on this internship please contact Professor Mendoza-Botehlo.

Partnership for Strong Communities

An organization working to irradiate homelessness in Connecticut. For more info see <https://www.pschohousing.org/> and contact Eastern PSC alumnus Carline Charmelus '12 at cccharmelus@gmail.com.

Local governments and non-profits

Many local governments and non-profits host political science interns. These have included the towns of Windham, Killingly, and Hebron. Please contact local governments and non-profits directly if you are interested in interning there.

State/Local/Law/National and International Political Science Internship Contact Information

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