

Would you like an internship where you can gain experience and network with some of the most important people in the state of Pennsylvania?

Are you interested in spending a semester away from ESU where you can use the skills you have learned in your classes in a practical manner?

Have you ever wondered how you are going to use your major in the “real world” once you graduate from college?

If you answered “yes” to any of the questions above, you may want to consider applying for The Harrisburg Internship Semester!

What is the Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS)?

THIS is a program set up through the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) where students are placed in a government office or agency based upon their major and areas of interest. Recent interns have been active in the Office of the Budget, Bureau of Latino Affairs, Commission on Women, Bureau of Consumer Protection, the House Education Committee, the Department of Education, the Department of Mental Health, Department of Labor and Industry, the State Police, and the PA Historical and Museum Commission. Specifically, our most recent interns from ESU have been placed with the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Environmental Protection.

Am I qualified to participate in THIS?

THIS participants are not limited to students in political science or government. Placements of relevance to virtually every field of study exist within the Pennsylvania state government and other areas are waiting to be explored by student interns. **If you are a junior or senior with strong writing and personal skills and have a GPA of a 3.0 or better you are encouraged to apply.**

What is the time commitment?

THIS entails your full time commitment—both to spending five days a week in an office and to residing in Harrisburg. In recognition of the added financial cost entailed, you receive a work-study stipend to help cover the expense of in-state tuition and housing in Harrisburg, Pa. You will also receive 15 credits: 9 credits of internship semester hours, 3 credits for a weekly seminar in Harrisburg, and 3 credits for an independent study project. You may opt to receive these credits in your major (if your department agrees to the parameters of the internship) in communication studies, or a combination of the two.

I’m interested. What do I need to do?

Submit a cover letter, resume, and writing sample (any college paper will do) to Dr. Andi McClanahan at amccclanahan@esu.edu or deliver the materials to Monroe Hall Room 304. If you have questions, please contact Dr. McClanahan via email or phone (570-422-3697) or visit her office hours Mondays, 11 a.m. -1:30 p.m., Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m., and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. Additionally, if you would like to speak with recent ESU students who have served as the ESU Harrisburg Internship Semester intern, please contact Dr. McClanahan and she will put you in touch with someone!

The deadline for applications for the fall 2014 semester is Monday, March 10 by 4 p.m.

The student selected for THIS must be available to travel to Harrisburg on Friday, April 11 for Interview Day.

More information about The Harrisburg Internship Semester can be found at:

<http://www.passhe.edu/inside/asa/Opportunities/this/Pages/default.aspx>

<http://www.passhe.edu/inside/asa/Opportunities/this/Documents/THISbrochure.pdf>