

## Application Process

For first round consideration (April interviews), your GPSI file must be complete by **May 1**. Documents required to complete your file are:

- Full or conditional admission to a UIS Graduate Program
- GPSI application
- Current resume
- Three letters of recommendation (faculty or employer) dated within the past 18 months.

**NOTE:** GPSI-Chicago is reserved for online students only who are living in the Chicago area. Please select this option when applying.

**Apply online** – For full consideration for the GPSI program, you must complete a UIS graduate admission application as well as the GPSI application. Begin your graduate school application at [uis.edu/admissions/applytoday](https://uis.edu/admissions/applytoday).

### DEADLINES FOR FILE COMPLETION

First round: MAY 1 | Chicago Round: JUNE 1 |  
Spring Round: NOV. 15

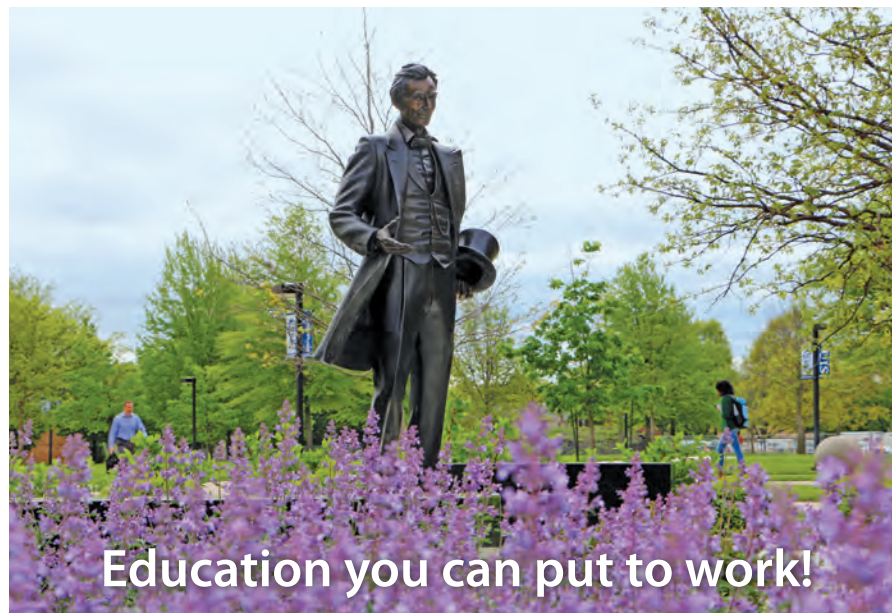
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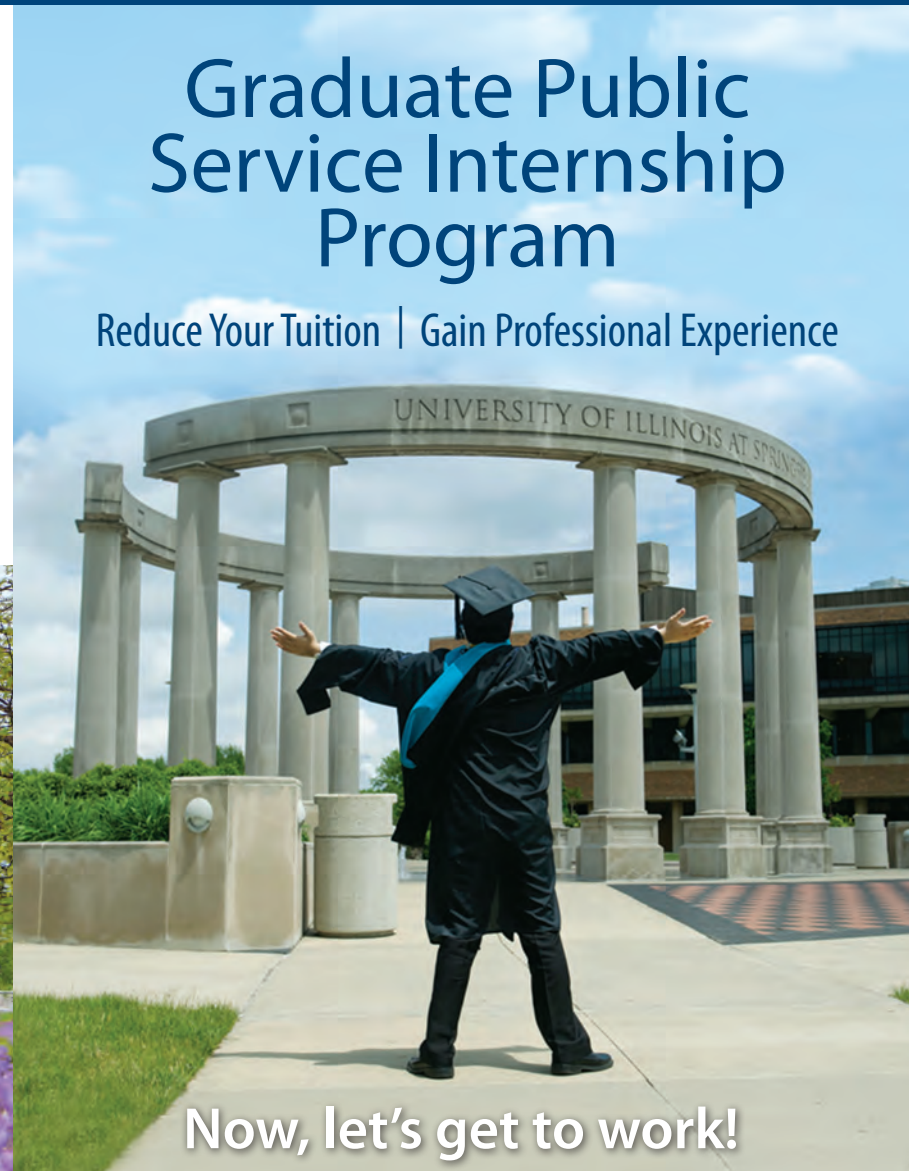
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# Graduate Public Service Internship Program

Reduce Your Tuition | Gain Professional Experience

Now, let's get to work!



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## A Smart Investment in Your Future

For more than 45 years, the Graduate Public Service Internship Program has been ranked one of Illinois' premier governmental internship programs. GPSI provides interns the opportunity to simultaneously experience a public sector internship while earning a master's degree from the University of Illinois Springfield.

### What does a GPSI intern do?

As a GPSI intern, you will have the opportunity for an internship experience that is compatible with your academic background, graduate program, and skills. Historically, GPSI interns have completed challenging internships in the areas of economic forecasting, grant writing, research, writing press releases, preparing television public service announcements, marketing, statewide conference management, laboratory analysis, environmental sampling and research on endangered species, website development, computer programming, database development and management, statewide audits, and public health research.

## FAQs

### When does the internship begin?

Annually on August 16.

### How are interns selected?

GPSI is a competitive internship program. Students are considered based on their academic backgrounds and previous work experience.

### Is there a minimum GPA to be eligible?

Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.5 is required, and applications with graduate coursework already completed must have a 3.0 GPA to be considered.

### Can online students apply for a GPSI position?

Yes. GPSI places online students living in and around Springfield and Chicago.

### Can international students apply for a GPSI position?

Yes. However, F-1 visa status is required to be eligible for the program.

## Intern Benefits

### Monthly Stipend

During the fall and spring terms your monthly stipend is \$1,200 for 20 hours per week of work. During the summer term, you work 40 hours per week and the monthly stipend doubles to \$2,400.

### Tuition and Fee Waiver

	Fall	Spring	Summer
<b>1st year</b>	10 hr. tuition \$650 fee	10 hr. tuition \$650 fee	4 hr. tuition \$0 fee
<b>2nd year</b>	10 hr. tuition \$650 fee	10 hr. tuition \$650 fee	

*Tuition differentials, both online and programmatic, are not covered by GPSI tuition waiver.*

### Professional Development

GPSI interns receive \$300 each year for professional development opportunities, such as attending conferences, purchasing scholarly journals, memberships in professional organizations, etc.

### Hired!

Vincent Joseph  
Office of the Illinois Auditor General

Logan Schippert  
Illinois Environment  
Protection Agency

Destiny Lee  
Illinois Department  
of Corrections

Hired!  
Daniel Bitner  
Sangamon County Health Dept.

