

The Illinois Legislative Staff Intern Program celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2021 and is considered one of the premier internship programs in the United States.

- Applicants must complete their undergraduate degree before the start date.
- Applicants with advanced degrees are preferred.
- Applicants with a minimum 3.0 GPA are required for positions with the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.
- Applications must be posted by March 15.
- Internships start August 16 and end June 30.



“The Illinois Legislative Staff Intern Program was a great opportunity for me. It was a door opener for my time spent in state government.”

Jim Edgar,
Former Governor, State of Illinois

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Illinois Legislative Staff Intern Program



Are you interested in a paid internship working for the Illinois State Legislature?

- Interns receive a stipend of \$3,300 per month with student health insurance included.
- Interns earn 4 graduate credits in political science from the University of Illinois Springfield.
- Tuition, mandatory fees, and books related to the academic seminar are paid by the program.
- Interns work as legislative staff with either the partisan staffs of the Illinois General Assembly or the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.



“My experience with the Illinois Legislative Staff Intern Program provided a wonderful foundation for a career in public service.”

William G. Holland,
Former Illinois State Auditor General



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Internships with the partisan staffs will prepare you for a variety of career paths. As an intern, you will work closely with seasoned professionals in the unique environment of the Illinois State Legislature.

- Provide research and analytical support to committee leaders and members.
- Analyze agency budgets and craft the state budget.
- Handle press and newsletters for assigned legislators.
- Gain personal access and build relationships with legislators, lobbyists, other state officials, and contractors.

The partisan staffs (House Democrats, House Republicans, Senate Democrats and Senate Republicans) of the Illinois General Assembly offer a total of twenty (20) internships. Each staff offers five (5) internships

Internships with the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability primarily prepare you for research career paths, while working with experienced legal and communication professionals.

- Gain basic knowledge of the legislative process.
- Develop legal research skills.
- Respond to research requests from state legislators.
- Write official state documents and resources.

The Commission offers four (4) internships. Three (3) are general research internships and (1) is a science writing position. The science writing internship is offered to an applicant who has a natural science background, an interest in public policy, and wants to improve writing for the non-scientific reader audience.

Upon completion of the program, interns pursue a number of professional avenues.

- Full-time positions on a legislative staff
- Careers in public policy with a state agency or lobbying firm
- Executive roles in both business and non-profit agencies
- Other educational opportunities, including law school

The Illinois Legislative Staff Intern Program is administered for the Illinois General Assembly by the Office of Graduate Intern Programs with the Center For State Policy and Leadership at the University of Illinois at Springfield.

TO APPLY

The online application and instructions are available on the ILSIP website at: go.uis.edu/ILSIP

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