High School Internship Program

The John Glenn College of Public Affairs High School Internship Program (HSIP) is a unique public service internship program that allows high school students in the fall or spring semester of their senior year to gain first-hand experience within organizations in the public service sector.

In addition to completing an internship, Glenn Interns also enroll in a section of Public Affairs 2110 at The Ohio State University as part of the Ohio State Academy program and earn college credit. This course provides an overview of the field of public service.

To learn more about the High School Internship Program go to glenn.osu.edu/programs/hsip or contact Internship Coordinator Emily Underation at underation.1@osu.edu or at 614-292-1438.

Admission Criteria:
HSIP evaluates student applications in a holistic manner that mirrors the competitive admissions process to Ohio State as a freshman. High school students who wish to be considered must first be admitted to the Ohio State Academy at the Columbus campus. Students will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Senior standing in a Central Ohio public or non-public high school
- Minimum 2 units of high school English
- Minimum 2 units of high school social studies
- High school curriculum and performance (class rank, GPA)
- ACT or SAT
- Honors, AP, IB
- Leadership, co-curricular and work experiences
- Maturity and professionalism required to complete a college level internship

“It’s difficult to say what a ‘typical’ day is like because I am constantly doing new things at my internship,” said Carly Hooker a HSIP participant when asked what a typical day is like. Hooker worked directly with the CEO of Jewish Family Services of Columbus, who included her in a variety of meetings which gave Hooker an overview of the wide range of activities the organization provided.

Hooker explained why HSIP is a program she truly values: “I am excited to study something that I am truly passionate about. I also can’t wait to take advantage of all the opportunities for learning outside of the classroom. This will enhance my college experience even more.”

HSIP Internships vary from nonprofit to local government to state government. Here are some of the sites that have hosted high school students through our program:

- Columbus City Council
- City of Gahanna: Economic Development Department
- The Ohio Statehouse
- Columbus Parks and Rec
- Columbus Council on World Affairs
- Catholic Social Services
- Disability Rights Ohio
- Juvenile Justice Coalition
- Ohio Environmental Council
- Greater Ohio Policy Center