

FAQS FOR APPLICANTS

SACRAMENTO SEMESTER PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can apply to the Sacramento Semester Program?

Any junior or senior from a California State University campus can apply to participate in this program. We prefer students with a 3.0 GPA or higher, but there are no other pre-requisites for this program. Political Science or similar majors recommended, but not required.

When does the application open and when is it due?

The application portal will be open in late September with applications due in late October; one month after the application portal has opened.

Do I need to include letter(s) of recommendation?

No. There is no letter of recommendation required. HOWEVER, applications will be sent to a designated internship advisor and/or department chair. We will ask them to submit a recommendation form on your behalf so applicants must meet with the internship advisor/department chair identified on the program application prior to submitting the application.

How many units is this program worth?

This program is worth a total of 12 units. Accepted applicants will be enrolled in 6 internship units as well as two academic courses (POLS 182A – 3 units; POLS 182B – 3 units). This is BOTH a professional AND academic program.

If I'm a visiting student, can I do this program and still take classes at my home campus?

No. If you chose to apply, and are accepted, you will be a visiting student at Sac State for the Spring Semester and will be expected to live here in Sacramento. We provide financial support for housing of visiting students.

What kind of financial support does this program offer?

While most of the internships are unpaid, this program includes financial support to eligible students. Accepted students will be invited to apply for scholarships, which are awarded based on unmet financial need determined by your FAFSA. Visiting students will receive a housing award, regardless of unmet financial need. **All** participants must have a FAFSA on file for the current academic year to receive scholarships and/or housing awards.

What kinds of internships does this program include?

This is largely a program designed for students interested in the policy-making process, and therefore most of our internship are in the state legislature (Assembly and Senate). We also have opportunities in the Governor's office, the Mayor's office, at state agencies, and at various lobbying and consulting firms.

For more questions, contact Internship Program Director, Jaime Jackson at Jaime.jackson@csus.edu or Administrative Support Coordinator, Michelle Tarter at sacsemester@csus.edu