



The National Council Fellowships: 2008 Washington, D.C. Summer Internship Program

What: A Professional Academic and Career Opportunity Internship This Summer in the Nation's Capital.

Value? Priceless, Quite Possibly the Most Important Decision You Will Ever Make to Prepare You for a Career in International Relations and One that Will Likely Serve You Well the Rest of Your Life.

Where: In One of a Dozen U.S.-Arab Relations Organizations in Washington, D.C.:

National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations, Middle East Policy Council, American Mideast Educational, Training, and Services, Inc. (AMIDEAST), American Near East Refuge Aid, Inc.(ANERA), American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, Council for the National Interest, American Arab Institute, World Affairs Council of Washington, D.C., among others.

When: June 2 – August 8, 2008

With Whom: National Council professionals and staff, together with more than two dozen of America's foremost scholars and most renowned foreign affairs practitioners

Cost: Free of Charge, apart from a \$150 non-refundable program fee. Selected participants, upon successful fulfillment of the program's academic and internship requirements, will receive a \$1,000 fellowship stipend.

Housing: Estimated cost for ten-weeks of student housing in Washington, D.C. is \$2,000 - \$2,500, not including meals and incidentals. Detailed information will be provided to assist interns in locating low-cost student housing at area universities or other student housing facilities.

How to Apply: Interested undergraduate or graduate students should send a letter of interest to the National Council offices by mail or e-mail. This letter should provide basic information about yourself, your interests, previous course work related to politics, economics, foreign policy, and the Middle East, and some indication of the type of internship that would most interest you. In addition, the National Council asks that you submit:

- 1) A double-spaced essay (no more than 2-pages in length) on the topic:
U.S.-Arab Relations: Challenges for American Leaders
- 2) A résumé or *curriculum vitae*.
- 3) Transcripts of all university-level work.
- 4) Two letters or recommendation, at least one of them from a faculty member who knows your work well.
- 5) A signed Internship Program Application.
- 6) \$150 non-refundable program fee.

Additional details of this application process as well as the application form will be found on our website www.ncusar.org. All materials should be submitted by mail to the National Council office by **Friday, April 18, 2008**. Application materials may be submitted as e-mail attachments [Word.doc], but hard copies of all documents with original signatures should also be submitted by mail or delivery service.

About the Program

The National Council's Summer Internship Program combines professional work experiences with a parallel two-month series of seminars conducted throughout the week either over the noon hour or in the late afternoon, early evening hours. Our goals are: (1) to provide interns with firsthand experience behind-the-scenes of the foreign policy analysis and advocacy process in Washington, D.C.; (2) to provide a strong academic component dealing with U.S. political, economic, and cultural relations with Arabia and the Gulf region; and (3) to introduce participants to career professionals in government, business, journalism, and NGOs as well as to highlight the wide range of career opportunities awaiting those who aspire to work in the area of U.S.-Arab relations.

As complements to the program, interns will also be exposed to D.C. in a less formal manner via films, cultural events, embassy and museum visits, off-the-record conversations with former diplomats, group dinners, and suggestions for exploring the sights of D.C. This will allow students not only to experience living and working in the city but also encourage them to appreciate all the cultural diversity and all the exciting cultural and educational opportunities - many of them free - available in the Capital area.

Accomplishments

Nearly 150 students have participated in this program to date. Some have joined the U.S. Foreign Service. Several work as staff to Members of Congress or congressional committees dealing with matters of foreign policy. Many have proceeded to graduate school to obtain their masters degrees or doctorates in international relations with an emphasis on the Arab countries, the Middle East, and the Islamic world. Some have been employed by the National Council. These are just a few of the opportunities that our alumni have encountered after this program.

2008 Summer Internship Program Leaders

Chairman: Dr. John Duke Anthony, Founder and President, National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations; Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University Center for Contemporary Arab Studies; and consultant to the U.S. Departments of State and Defense (since 1973 and 1974, respectively, until the present)

Director: Dr. Peter K. Bechtold, Former Chairman (1976-2005), Near East and North Africa Area and Country Studies Program, The George Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center, U.S. Department of State

Coordinator: Dr. James Winship, National Council Vice President – Programs; National Council Malone Fellow in Arab and Islamic Studies; and former longtime Professor of International Relations and Model Arab League Student Faculty Adviser at Augustana College

Established in 1983, the National Council is a Washington, D.C.-based American non-profit, non-governmental organization. Its mission is educating Americans and others about America's relationships and interests with the Arab and Islamic worlds. A fuller description of the Council's numerous projects, programs, events, and activities can be accessed at:

www.ncusar.org

***If you have any questions please call the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations
at (202) 293-6466 or e-mail Megan@ncusar.org.***