Application Process for Summer 2019

Students who have completed all first year required courses may enroll in the law school’s for credit externship program. Students interested in learning more about the summer externship program in Washington, DC. are cordially invited to schedule an appointment with Assistant Dean Josie Gough, in person or by telephone. The next group information session is scheduled for February 28, 2019 at 4pm in room 1202. Individual meetings may also be schedule with Assistant Dean Gough. To schedule a meeting, please email her on or before March 1, 2019 at jgough@luc.edu

Internal applications will be available on the Externship website, through law school announcements, in the Law Registrar’s Office, the Career Services’ Office, and in the office of Assistant Dean Gough, room 1331 and in the office of Director Bess, Room 1238. The internal application will be available in March 2019.

In order to receive academic credit for work as an extern, students will need to secure their placements with the court, governmental unit or public interest agency on their own. Students will also be enrolled in a seminar course. The orientation and final class meeting will take place in Chicago. All other class meetings take place in Washington, DC at the Offices of Foley & Lardner LLP.

What follows is a sample of the various opportunities available in Washington, DC. This list is not exhaustive of possible opportunities for law students.
American Bar Association

“Nothing beats learning through practice. ABA Specialty Groups offer internship opportunities and more to help students learn the skills they need to excel in the legal profession.” There are a variety of different programs available in different practice areas.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

American Bar Association, Death Penalty Due Process Review Project

“The ABA’s Death Penalty Due Process Review Project (“Project”) conducts research and educates the public and decision-makers on the operation of capital jurisdictions’ death penalty laws and processes in order to promote fairness and accuracy in death penalty systems. The Project encourages adoption of the ABA’s Protocols on the Fair Administration of the Death Penalty; assists state, federal, and international stakeholders on death penalty issues; and develops innovative initiatives to support reform of death penalty processes. Through creation and support of the Project, the ABA recognizes that it is incumbent upon lawyers – as a profession – to ensure that we are carrying out our work justly and competently, particularly when a life is at stake.”

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
https://www.americanbar.org/groups/crsj/projects/death_penalty_due_process_review_project/

Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC)

“The APALRC is looking for energetic and highly motivated legal interns for the Fall and Spring semesters who are committed to advancing social justice through direct legal assistance, legal education and systemic advocacy. Working under the supervision of the APALRC legal staff, the legal intern will assist in conducting intake on the Multilingual Legal Helpline, conduct research on legal issues affecting the AAPI client community, and assist the legal staff with case preparation. Legal interns may also be involved with community legal education and outreach projects.”

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
http://www.apalrc.org/internextern-positions/

Children Defense Fund

“CDF interns gain knowledge, skills and experience for a lifetime commitment as a child advocate and public policy leader; get an insider's view of non-profit advocacy and become a part of our strong network of servant leaders.”

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
http://www.childrensdefense.org/about/careers/internships/

Children’s Law Center

“Children’s Law Center hosts a comprehensive, hands-on internship program. Generally, law clerk or intern positions are available for spring, summer, or fall. The following projects within
Children’s Law Center may accept law clerks or interns: Guardian ad litem Project (GAL), GAL Special Education Project, Healthy Together (HT), the Policy Team, and the Pro Bono Program. The Communications Team, Development Team, and Investigator Team may also accept interns. All positions are unpaid and can be taken for credit. Hours are flexible. As positions become available, requirements/qualifications and deadlines will be available below.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
https://www.childrenslawcenter.org/job/law-clerk-and-internship-program-openings

Federal Trade Commission, Bureau of Competition

“One of the major goals of the Bureau of Competition’s legal internship program is to provide law students with meaningful work experience in the field of antitrust enforcement. The legal internship program gives law students the opportunity to work closely with attorneys, economists, and other investigative staff on actual law enforcement investigations and federal court litigations. Interns can expect to learn the fundamentals of antitrust law through substantive assignments on a wide range of issues. The Bureau also offers a comprehensive training program, which includes case studies and brown bag lunches throughout the summer, as well as opportunities to develop strong professional relationships with attorneys and economists. Internships are unpaid volunteer positions based in Washington, D.C. Interns may be assigned to one of the following divisions: Healthcare, Mergers I, Mergers II, Mergers III, or Mergers IV.”

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia

“The internship program is designed to provide students with a challenging experience that reflects the demands and rewards of public service. Each year OAG recruits a diverse population of students, including geographic diversity as well as educational institutions from across the United States, as well as internationally. The OAG has a diverse practice area and offers students an array of practice areas to select from. In addition, OAG is the 10th largest Attorney General Office in the United States, and is the largest law firm in the District of Columbia.”

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
https://oag.dc.gov/node/424822

Office of Senator Richard “Dick” Durbin of Illinois

“Graduate interns and Legal interns provide assistance to Senator Durbin’s Appropriations and Judiciary Committee staff members, respectively. This includes helping with hearing preparation, conducting legislative research, and providing administrative assistance to the Committee staff.”

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
https://www.durbin.senate.gov/help/internships

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United States Food and Drug Administration, Office of Policy

“The Office of Policy offers unpaid internships for interested graduate (including masters, law, and other doctoral programs) and undergraduate students. Office of Policy interns have had diverse educational interests, such as law, public health, public policy, pharmacy, government, economics, and management. Our interns have worked on a broad range of issues including human subject protection, food safety, nanotechnology, drug importation, novel disease outbreak issues, legislative analysis, regulation and guidance drafting, and briefings for senior agency officials. An Office of Policy intern can expect to work on substantive policy and legal projects, develop additional professional skills, improve research skills, and benefit from the personal attention of a mentor. The Office of Policy has a limited number of internships.”

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
https://www.fda.gov/aboutfda/workingatfda/fellowshipinternshipgraduatefacultyprograms/officeofpolicyandplanninginternshipprogram/default.htm

United States Securities & Exchange Commission

“The SEC’s Student Programs offers positions in Washington, D.C. and 11 other cities including Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, and Atlanta. Students in the SEC’s Student Programs are given responsibilities and practical experiences that not only complement their classroom work, but also promote their careers. Through the duration of their experience, students work with Commission staff on several division specific projects. Additionally, students may participate in seminars and workshops on various aspects of Federal securities laws.”

Pathways Intern Program

“The SEC invites applicants who have been accepted for enrollment, and students who are currently enrolled, to apply for the SEC Pathways Internship Program as Student Trainees. Student Trainees work with senior professionals and receive on-the-job training that will create a career pathway for success including professional development through career training, shadowing experiences, webinars, and much more.”

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
https://www.sec.gov/ohr/recent-graduates-link.html

Student Honors Program

“The SEC’s Student Honors Program is a ten-week program for undergraduate, graduate, and law students to become acquainted with the regulation of the securities markets. Students work with SEC Staff members on projects covering a broad range of the Commission’s mission, such as conducting investigations of industry and issuer practices, assisting in the litigation of enforcement actions, and drafting proposed statutes and rules. SEC Staff members serve as professional mentors, assisting with research and writing projects, as well as providing advice and guidance on career development.”

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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The United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission - Division of Enforcement

“The Division of Enforcement is seeking legal interns for the fall, spring and summer terms in its Washington, D.C. headquarters and its Kansas City, Chicago, and New York regional offices. Interns will have the opportunity to work with the Division’s trial teams in one of the four locations, or the Office of Chief Counsel, Office of Cooperative Enforcement or the Whistleblower Office in the Washington, D.C. headquarters. Selected candidates are expected to work between twelve (12) to forty (40) hours per week and may arrange to earn course credit for work performed during their internship.”

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
https://www.cftc.gov/About/Careers/Internship/index.htm

United States Department of the Treasury

“Student Volunteer Internships are unpaid training opportunities designed to provide students with work experience related to their academic program and give them direct exposure to the Federal workforce.”

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
https://www.treasury.gov/careers/hq-careers/Pages/student-employment.aspx