

Vandals in D.C. Scholarship The Washington Center's Academic Internship

DESCRIPTION: The McClure Center for Public Policy Research is the University of Idaho campus liaison for [The Washington Center \(TWC\)'s Academic Internship](#). The McClure Center will support one University of Idaho student with a scholarship to attend a summer semester of TWC's Academic Internship program.

SCHOLARSHIP COMPENSATION: TWC Academic Internship application, program and housing fee for one semester. These fees are paid directly to TWC.

DURATION: One summer semester, from travel to check-in date to check-out date.

CREDIT: Students may take up to six (6) internship credits through a U of I department connected to student's degree requirements. They also can take up to six (6) additional academic course credits articulated to U of I department courses. The McClure Center will work with the scholarship recipient's academic advisor and degree department to ensure credits match student's degree requirements and student is taking the required minimum load of course work.

LIMITATIONS: The scholarship recipient must be a current U of I undergraduate, not scheduled for graduation until after the internship concludes. Scholarship recipients must complete all required steps of the scholarship application, credit articulation and [TWC application steps](#) before each due date.

The scholarship does not cover transportation to Washington, D.C. during the internship or transportation after the conclusion of the internship. The student is responsible for U of I tuition. All other costs of living while in Washington, D.C. are the sole responsibility of the student. The scholarship covers TWC application, program and housing fee.

CONTACT: mcclurecenter@uidaho.edu

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION: This is a competitive scholarship application. Applicants will be evaluated on academic achievement (GPA) and content of their submitted materials. Only qualified applicants with all application materials submitted by the posted deadline will be considered. Qualified applicants with demonstrated financial need will be considered first. Up to one scholarship will be awarded to a qualified U of I student each summer semester. No scholarship will be awarded for summer semesters without qualified applicants.

TO APPLY: Submit the required documents **via email** to mcclurecenter@uidaho.edu, subject line **Vandals in D.C. Scholarship**. All materials are **due by 11:59 p.m.** on the due date.

Below are the documents you will need to submit with your application. Please note that your one-page resume, statement of professional interest, issues essay or writing sample and U of I transcript unofficial must be saved as PDFs.

- **One-page Resume:** Outline your educational background and include experiences like volunteer opportunities, leadership roles on campus, honors and awards.
- **Statement of Professional Interest:** Write a summary (around 100 words) of what you are seeking in an internship, the skills you are hoping to develop and the interests you would like to explore. Additionally, outline how this internship will connect with your degree requirements. Please do not specify the name(s) of any organization in this statement, as it will be shared with potential internship sites.
- **Issues Essay or Writing Sample:** Write an essay (450-750 words) on a key issue that is relevant to your field and your community. Connect how you will use the skills you have gained in your undergraduate coursework to impact the future of Idaho or your home community. Include any key fields or places you are hoping to intern. *Alternatively*, you may submit a writing sample (450-750 words) from a previous course or experience.
- **Transcript:** Your current U of I unofficial transcript.

Visit TWC's [Application Resources page](#) to download an application checklist and see sample application documents.

DEADLINES: Scholarship application will be announced during finals week 2 semesters prior to internship start. (Application opens late fall semester for summer semester internship.)

The scholarship recipient will be notified 10 days after the scholarship application deadline.

The scholarship recipient will then begin working with the McClure Center to ensure they apply to TWC by the TWC early application deadline. The scholarship recipient will lead coordination with degree departments to ensure course enrollment that satisfies degree requirements.

Scholarship Application Deadlines:

- **Ongoing recruitment:** Announcements are sent **around 60 days** prior to McClure Center scholarship application and TWC application early deadline.
- **14 days prior to TWC application early deadline:** Scholarship application due to McClure Center by 11:59 p.m.
- **7 days prior to TWC application early deadline:** Scholarship decision made and offered extended.
- **Applicant must [apply](#) to TWC before TWC application early deadline.**