Illinois Legislative Staff Intern Program

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Celebrating a more than 60-year history and recognized as one of the top legislative internship programs in the country, the Illinois Legislative Staff Intern Program (ILSIP) provides graduate level applicants with a professional experience working full-time with the Illinois legislature.

Benefits include a monthly stipend of $3,300, along with four hours of graduate credit in political science over the course of two semesters. In-state tuition and fees, including student health insurance, are covered by the program along with any required textbooks for the academic seminar.

The program offers up to 24 internship opportunities annually with one of four partisan staffs (House Democratic, House Republican, Senate Democratic, Senate Republican) of the Illinois General Assembly or with the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability. Internships begin the first week of September and continue through June of the following year.

To be eligible, applicants must complete a baccalaureate degree in any academic discipline prior to the start of the internship and demonstrate a high-quality undergraduate academic record. Applications are due March 15 each year.