Information session 23 Feb 2012

Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Program (UCWIP)
General information

- 14th year in 2013
  - 130 internships across 13 program years. UCWIP’s intake will be drawn through 10 Australian universities in 2013
- Working in Democratic and Republican House, Senate and Committee offices
- Interns undertake a range of tasks including legislative research, writing, constituent liaison, attend committee hearings and press conferences
- Opportunities to meet with political correspondents, members of congress and representatives from various government offices, as well as non-government professionals
- Activity examples: attend briefings by the US State Department and the Australian Embassy, day trips to Philadelphia - birthplace of the American republic and Constitution, Gettysburg - site of the pivotal Civil War battle, attend presidential swearing-in ceremonies and related inaugural festivities
Objective of program

- Founded in 1999 by former House and Senate staffer, Eric Federing, the program fosters cultural and educational exchanges between the United States and Australia
- UCWIP aims to promote and strengthen the American-Australian relationship by offering young Australians rare insights into the inner workings of the American legislature
- Offering congressional hosts opportunities to explore through these young Australians the often parallel public policy debates in Australia
2012 internship examples

- Rep. Robert Aderholt (Republican of Alabama)
- Sen. Benjamin Cardin (Democrat of Maryland)
- Rep. James Clyburn (Democrat of S. Carolina)
- Sen. Mike Crap (Republican of Idaho)
- Rep. Sam Farr (Democrat of California)
- Rep. Loretta Sanchez (Democrat of California)
- Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
When

- Tele-conference information session with Eric Federing: April/May TBA
- Application deadline: 31 May 2012
  - Send to sora.park@canberra.edu.au
  - Hardcopy to 9C11a
- Notification: July
- Internship: Jan~Feb 2013
What to prepare

- Application form
- Statement of interest
  - submit a short statement outlining your motivation for participating
  - your aspirations both personal and academic, relating to your internship; your ability to manage a demanding and challenging environment; your work experience, and involvement in community organisations; your travel experience, etc
- CV, with photo, awards, certificates
- One page short essays on up to four prospective congressional hosts listed on the Primer
- 1-3 examples of written work (2,000 words), consistent with your expressed interests
- Two referee reports - one from academic
- Academic transcript
Preparation

- Young professionals not students
- Sharehouse arrangements with other interns
- Est costs: Approx $10000+
  - Air, accommodation, meals, transport
  - J1 visa – Sydney
Scholarship

- Faculty of Arts and Design UWCIP Scholarship TBA
On return

- Report to Course Convenor of Communication and Media Studies
- Credit for *Special Studies in Communication 1 or 2 (7555, 7556): 3cp*
  - Year 3 – second semester year before (WH)
  - Year 2 – same semester (or later) of internship
- Speak at information sessions, mentoring for potential candidates, etc
Further information


- [http://www.facebook.com/UCWIP](http://www.facebook.com/UCWIP)

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