Georgia Legislative Internship Program

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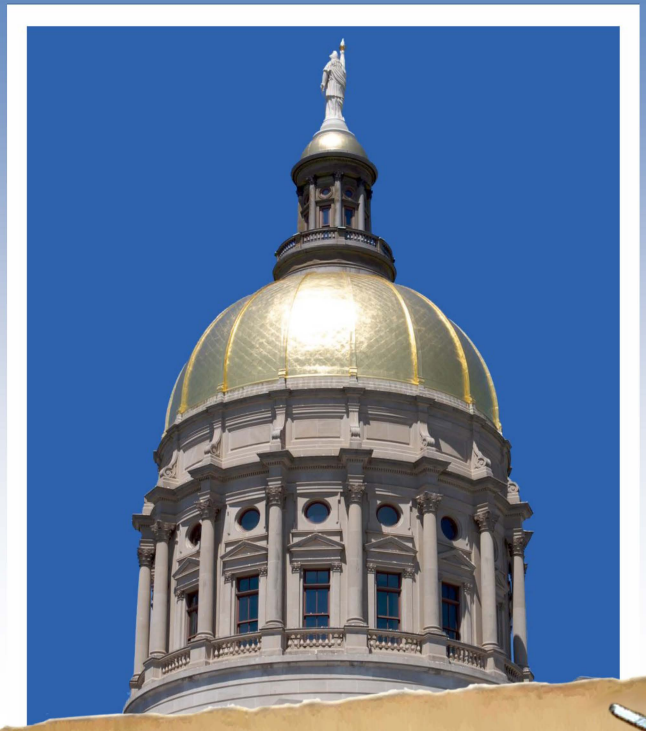

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A Semester at the Capitol

- Full-time paid internship
- Only for Seniors & Juniors currently enrolled in a Georgia college or university
- Open to all majors
- Students must be able to receive school credit for the internship

About the Program

Welcome to the Georgia Legislative Internship Program. For over 40 years, Georgia colleges and universities have been providing the General Assembly with outstanding interns each session. During this internship, you will receive firsthand experience of the legislative process. With the help of Georgia State University, schools submit applications for their most promising students to be chosen.

During your time at the State Capitol, interns gain knowledge of the how state government works, how the legislative process works, along with making lifelong career contacts and friendships.

From the Speaker

David Ralston

Dear Future Intern,

The Georgia General Assembly Legislative Internship Program is one of the nation's oldest educational internships to focus on the state legislative process. It was created to give students like yourself the opportunity to gain valuable experience working at the State Capitol during the legislative session. You will have the opportunity to learn and see the action in progress-not just reading about it in a book.

Being a part of this program is an honor and a unique experience that will undoubtedly enrich your academic study.

David Ralston
Speaker of the House

From the President Pro-Tempore

Butch Miller

Dear Future Intern,

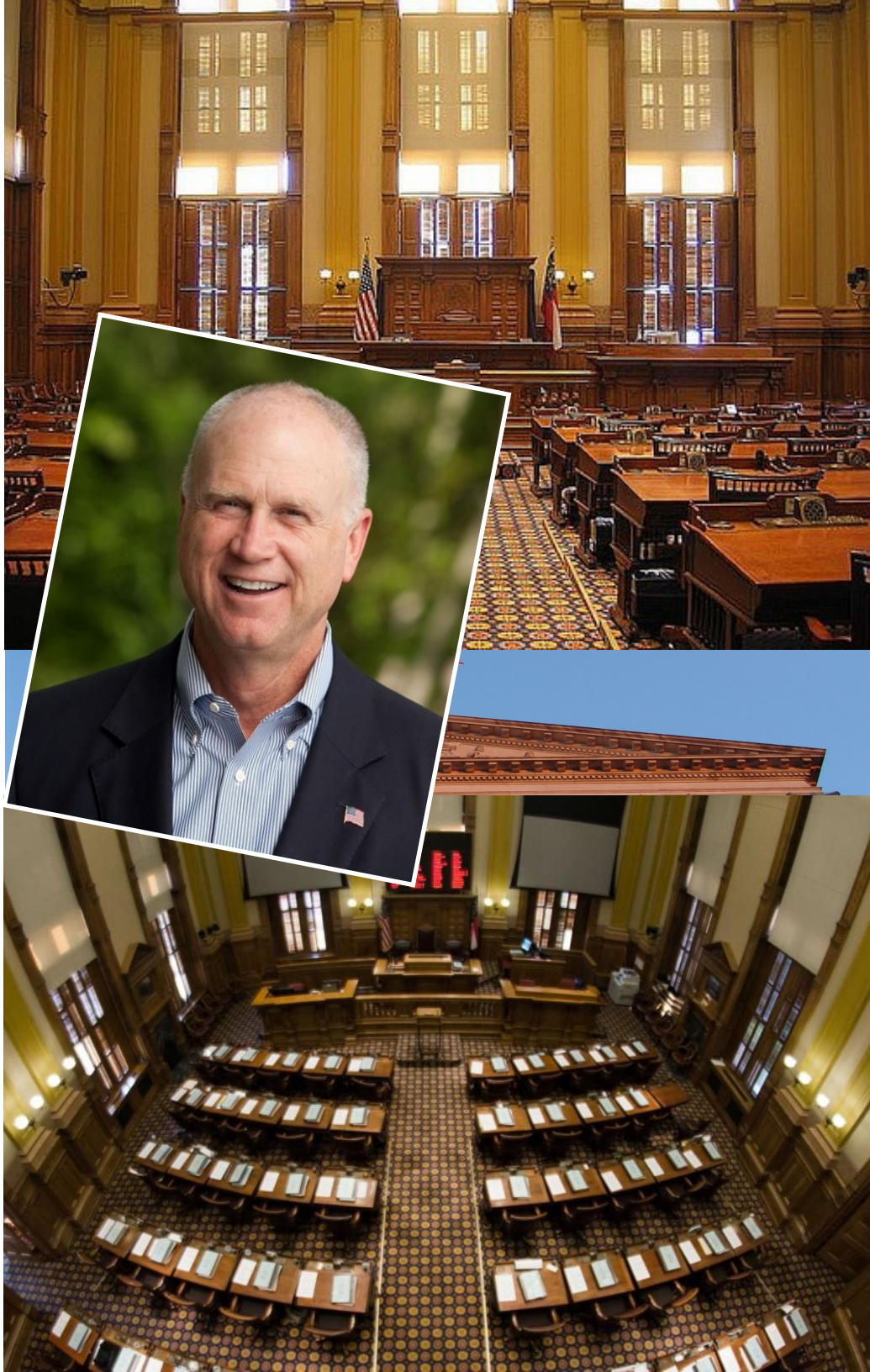
The Georgia General Assembly Legislative Internship Program offers an exceptional opportunity to enrich your educational studies while learning about our state's legislative process. It provides a unique vantage point to observe how bills become laws affecting every Georgian, including you. It is also a one-of-a-kind, hands-on learning experience that is guaranteed to open new doors of opportunity.

It is an honor to be selected for this internship and work among the best and brightest students from across the state. I invite your application and wish you all the best in the selection process.

Butch Miller

President Pro-Tempore

State Senate

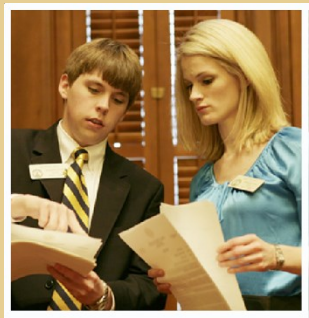


JOIN

"You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today." - Abraham Lincoln

See it from within... *Experience is*

With multiple placement options, intern assignments are designed to give you balanced experiences and various opportunities to gain insight and knowledge into the legislative process.



LEADERSHIP

One intern each is selected each session for placement in the leadership offices of the General Assembly. These interns facilitate the flow of legislative information between the leadership offices within the Georgia General Assembly

Majority Offices

This is a unique placement where you find yourself deeply integrated into the legislative summarization process, providing members with understanding and emphasis into each piece of legislation.

Minority Offices

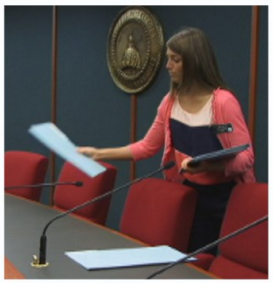
These internship opportunities place a student under the supervision of the Minority Leader and Minority Whip's office operations. With needs ranging from communications assistance to legislative tracking, this internship is key to these office's effectiveness.

COMMITTEES

One to One

Some committees are larger than others and contain many subcommittees within their legislative structure. As the intern for these committees, you will be responsible for assisting committee staff with their legislative duties.

One to Many



Most committees share legislative staff. In the role as intern for these committees, you will be responsible for the setup of legislative hearings, agenda preparations, research, constituent services, and bill tracking throughout the legislative session for several committees.

COMMUNICATIONS

Print Press

This internship is responsible for taking all floor proceeding notes, drafting press releases, radio & TV scripts, and additional duties.

Telecommunications

Each session, the House employs 3 interns to direct and produce the video functions of the 'House Legislative Network.' This is a system of live broadcasting, graphic design, and editing of House floor proceedings, committee meetings, press conferences, and Member interviews. use.

OTHER OFFICES

- LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL
- CLERK OF THE HOUSE

APPLICATION PROCESS

- All applicant's MUST complete an application
  - found at www.legis.ga.gov
- Submit the completed application to your College Coordinator
- College Program Coordinators must turn in the completed application to:
  Dr. Amy Steigerwalt, Director G.L.I.P.
  glip@gsu.edu
- **DEADLINE: October 16, 2020** (Check with your campus coordinator for your campus's deadline)

IMPORTANT DATES

- Application Deadline from Colleges: Friday, October 16, 2020
- Candidate Interviews: Week of November 9, 2020
- Intern Interviews: mid-December, 2020
- Intern Orientation: January 6-8, 2021
- Legislative Session begins: Monday, January 11, 2021

PROGRAM INFORMATION

- Students must be a junior or senior in a college or university in the State of Georgia at the time of the internship
- Applicants must NOT have completed graduation prior to the beginning of the legislative session
- Students must receive school credit from your college or university
- This is a full-time paid internship—each intern will a stipend pay of $300.00 per week
- Work hours are generally 8:00am - 5:00pm, however office hours can fluctuate on a daily basis
- Students are advised NOT to take any classes while serving as an intern
- If necessary, classes online or after work hours are acceptable. Please notify your College Program Coordinator and Dr. Amy Steigerwalt if you plan to take classes.

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