



Frequently Asked Questions

Am I eligible to apply?

To be eligible to apply, applicants must be U.S. citizens, 18 years of age on or before the first day of the internship, and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Completed the first year of college and currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program
- Graduated from an undergraduate or graduate program no more than two years before the internship
- A veteran with a high school diploma or equivalent and served on active duty in the two years preceding the internship

What is the application period?

Applications for the 2024 internship are open from December 2023 through early spring 2024.

What are the dates of the 2024 Public Service Internship?

The summer 2024 internship will run from Monday, June 3rd, through Friday, July 26th.

What career areas will this internship focus on?

Potential internship areas include finance, social work, technology, public health, engineering, business, public safety, communications, education, research, cybersecurity, compliance, legal, marketing, environment, administration, real estate services, tourism and emergency management. Interns will be matched with available internship positions within departments depending on their area of study and experience.

What will I be doing as an intern?

This internship was created to give students an inside look at state government. Interns will walk away from this internship with valuable knowledge, experience, contacts, and lifelong friendships. Each intern will be assigned to an opening at various state departments based on availability.

Day-to-day, interns will work with staff within their assigned department on projects. Additionally, Interns will have weekly internship meetings featuring speakers such as the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, Department Secretaries, and many more in state leadership. Interns will also have the opportunity to get a behind-the-scenes look at state facilities such as the Capitol, Governor's Mansion, Supreme Court, Arkansas State Police training track, Corrections facilities, and more. Every year we aim to add to the internship experience.

How many hours a week will interns work?

This internship is a full-time position where interns will work 40 hours per week, except on state holidays.

Is this internship paid?

Yes. Interns will be paid at an hourly rate of \$13.00/hour. Any time missed will result in adjusted pay.

Where will the internship take place?

All interns will be placed in departments throughout the Little Rock metro area.

Additional Questions?

Contact myarinternship@arkansas.gov