



## **Internship Opportunities: Office of Current Issues (IIP/C)**

Six unpaid internships are available in Washington, D.C., in the Bureau of International Information Programs (IIP) each semester. To apply you must:

- Submit your application through the U.S. Department of State Internship program;
- Meet the Department's deadlines (Fall Semester: March 1, Spring: July 1 Summer: November 11 – please confirm via the Website) and;
- Specify IIP/C on your Statement of Interest.
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### **What is the Bureau of International Information Programs (IIP)?**

IIP uses a multimedia approach to engage international audiences on important foreign policy issues and explain the core values that underlie U.S. policies. IIP communicates with foreign opinion makers and web-savvy audiences through a wide range of print and electronic outreach materials published in English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Persian, Russian and Spanish. The Bureau also provides support to U.S. embassies and consulates in more than 140 countries worldwide. IIP is one of three bureaus reporting the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs.

### **What does IIP/C do?**

IIP/C generates articles, interactive elements, blogs, discussion fora, video treatments and other Web content for the department's public diplomacy Web site, [www.America.gov](http://www.America.gov).

### **What would I do at IIP/C?**

Duties for our Washington-based interns are similar in nature to those of an entry-level professional. An internship with IIP/C provides you with first-hand experience in online journalism. As an IIP/C intern you:

- Will research, generate and publish material for the [www.America.gov](http://www.America.gov). The site covers a broad array of topics including economics, security issues, democracy, human rights, U.S. politics, arts, sports, global health, space exploration and the environment.
- May be asked to write articles or blog entries on any of these topics. Some assignments will align with your interests and background while others will provide opportunities to explore unfamiliar subject areas. These written materials may require background research including interviews with public officials, civil society representatives, academic and private sector leaders; attending conferences, congressional hearings or other events; and seeking information on the Internet.
- May have the opportunity to generate visual materials such as photo galleries and graphic timelines. You also may provide input into video productions for the site.

### **What would I get out of an internship in IIP/C?**

You will gain experience in writing and Web site management. Articles typically carry the author's byline, allowing you to build a portfolio of published written work. Working at IIP/C,

you also will gain a deeper understanding of U.S. foreign policy and the role effective public diplomacy plays in advancing foreign policy objectives.