

**OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL DETENTION TRUSTEE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

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The Office of the Federal Detention Trustee (OFDT) was established and activated in September 2001 by directive of Congress (Pub. L. 106-553, § 166, 114 Stat. 2762 (2000)) in response to growing concerns regarding federal detention. It is the mission of the Federal Detention Trustee to provide oversight of detention management, including the effective and efficient expenditure of appropriated funds to ensure Federal agencies involved in detention provide for the safe, secure and humane confinement of persons in the custody of the United States. The major functions of the Federal Detention Trustee are to lead the Departmental effort reviewing the feasibility of using excess state and local correctional facilities for federal purposes; to develop and implement strategies to deal with detention "hot spots" and crises; to review existing detention practices and develop alternatives that will improve mission efficiency and cost effectiveness; to ensure compliance with the Department of Justice core detention standards by non-federal detention facilities; and to integrate existing predictive workload models to develop comprehensive, Department-wide detention planning capabilities.

**Projected No.
of Volunteers:** 1

**Internship
Location(s):** Washington, D.C.

**Application
Materials:** Cover letter (semester and dates when available), resume with 3 references, transcript (official or unofficial), and a writing sample of no more than 5 pages.

Qualifications: Law students beginning their second year of law school. Students who are interested in government contracts and appropriations law, and who want exposure to federal law enforcement activities and operations are encouraged to apply.

**Application
Deadline:** Summer Program (June – August): Until filled.
Fall Program (September – December): Until filled.

**Minimum Weeks
Required:** 6 – 8 weeks

Salary: Volunteer (without compensation)

Assignments: OFDT provides student interns with the opportunity to research and analyze issues pertaining to the confinement, care and custody of prisoners in federal custody, particularly in areas of contract and appropriations law and, to a lesser extent, in criminal and constitutional law.

Web Site: www.usdoj.gov/ofdt