

*** Exciting Internship Opportunity ***

UNCW in Washington D.C. Program

FOR SUMMER AND FALL 2009

DEADLINE TO APPLY: March 18, 2009

Please announce to all interested students and post freely. Inquiries should be made to Dr. Stephen Meinhold, Associate Dean of Research, UNC in DC Campus Coordinator, meinholds@uncw.edu, 962.3223.

Program Description: The program provides an opportunity for upper-level students from UNCW to work and study in Washington, D.C. Students may work in internships at Washington-based organizations such as the U.S. Congress, the U.S. executive branch, think tanks, and interest groups. Interns also spend 3 hours per week in an academic seminar, the Washington Experience. Up to three UNCW students may be chosen each semester. So far UNCW students have interned with the White House, Environmental Protection Agency, Congressman Mike McIntyre (NC), The National Council for Homelessness, Congressman Rick Boucher (VA), Hillwood Museum, U.S Chamber of Commerce, National Center for Victims of Crime, Center for American Progress, Department of Commerce, American Society for Engineering Education, Republican Youth Majority, Satellite Broadcasting Communications Association, and The National Association of State Universities. This program is open to *all majors*.

Course Work: Students enroll in a minimum of 12 hours course credit (9 hours in summer) at UNCW for the entire Washington semester. Course work includes a minimum of 6 hours of internship credit in their academic major; 3 hours for the Washington Experience seminar course, taught by a UNC system faculty member; and at least 3 hours of an independent study or distance education course related to the student's academic major and supervised by a faculty member at UNCW.

Internship Placement: Students spend up to 32 hours per week in internships, matched with supervisors who will integrate them into the daily operation of the organization and help them define research projects of importance to the organization. Student internships result in tangible products such as briefings, research memos, policy analyses, and working papers. The program director, based in Washington, *assists university departments and students with finding internships* and serves as the local facilitator to ensure that intern experiences meet program and university educational standards. To enhance the learning and internship experience each UNCW participant is granted the use of a laptop computer for the duration of their stay in Washington.

Cost: Students pay their regular full-time tuition for the semester (fess are reduced). Students are responsible for housing, meals, and travel, all of which should be factored into financial aid requests. Participants will live in The Congressional apartment building leased from The Washington Intern Student Housing Foundation (WISH). The Congressional features fully furnished apartments and a great location in an historic Capitol Hill neighborhood. However, books & supplies are likely to be less, and if the internship is *paid*, those earnings can help defray some of the added cost. Estimated expenses for the semester are: (Tuition – same as home institution, Health Insurance – same as home institution, *Housing* – \$1,750, Food - \$950, (estimate), Local transportation - \$500 (estimate), Books & Supplies - \$300 (estimate). Note that students pay only tuition and a modest technology fee and the housing cost for the entire semester is \$1,750. This is an excellent opportunity to study and intern in Washington DC for a very modest cost.

Financial Aid: The total program cost will be specific to the individual. Students should consult the financial aid office at their home institution to determine a budget and to apply for financial aid.

Application Process: Please contact Dr. Meinhold, Associate Dean of Research, meinholds@uncw.edu, 962.3223, for an application for Summer or Fall 2009.

Additional Information: http://www.northcarolina.edu/content.php/aa/unc_washington/index.htm