



Apply for a Summer Internship in *Public Service!*



INSTITUTE for PUBLIC SERVICE



The University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service (IPS) is accepting resumes and letters of interest for public service internships for the Summer of 2023 from seniors and graduate students interested in local government careers.

IPS serves business, industry and government to improve the lives of Tennesseans. In support of this mission, IPS provides consulting, training and research for local governments across the state. This outreach mission allows IPS to develop opportunities for exceptional seniors and graduate students with a demonstrated interest in a local government career.

ABOUT THE INTERNSHIPS

Internships through IPS are not limited to students at the University of Tennessee and are structured specifically for students interested in the wide range of local government careers. Placement is through the two IPS agencies that directly serve local governments: the County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS) and the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS).

Interns are assigned to and supervised through IPS offices near their home or campus for research, special projects, preparatory work for field consultants, or cities and counties for specific research issues.

ELIGIBILITY & HOW TO APPLY

Students should submit a resume and letter of interest through faculty at their campus or to the contact below. The letter of interest should describe the student's professional interests, including interest in a local government career and area of the state desired for the internship. The resume should include academic degrees, overall GPA and anticipated graduation schedules of the student, along with three references.

Contact Internship Coordinator Tomi Rogers with any questions at tomi.rogers@tennessee.edu, or (865) 974-1535.

The deadline for submitting the resume, materials and letter of interest is May 5, 2023.

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. The Public Service Internship Program is open to seniors and graduate students with a demonstrated interest in a local government career.
2. IPS is committed to introducing individuals from groups that have been traditionally underrepresented to public service in Tennessee. Women and people of color are encouraged to apply for these internships.
3. These are paid internships with compensation of \$14 per hour. The only extra benefits are the challenges and opportunities of working with local governments and agencies. IPS emphasizes professional development with available opportunities for city, county and professional association meetings.
4. This is a statewide program, and, to the extent possible, internships are located convenient to students and hosts.
5. Internships start and end with the academic semester and generally last 10-12 weeks. Interns typically work about 20 hours per week, but hours during the summer semester may increase depending on the needs of the student, the host government and available funds. Students enrolled in classes during the internship semester are limited to 20 hours per week.
6. Host agencies and communities work with IPS consultants to develop projects of interest to the local government and of benefit to the students.
7. Students are accepted and placed through a competitive placement process. Interns do complete a series of required learning objectives.
8. IPS consultants serve as mentors and supervisors, provide technical advice and coordinate training opportunities.
9. Students are limited to a single internship with IPS.



“This internship program provides unique opportunities to be a part of making and shaping a better future for our state.”

- Jalen Blue, former intern

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