Why do an internship?

Because you can...
✓ Test-drive a career
✓ Earn academic credit
✓ Grow your professional network
✓ Establish a relationship with a mentor
✓ Find a potential employer
✓ Polish up your resume
✓ Gain real-world perspectives about the field

Employers are looking to hire graduates who demonstrate key professional competencies like problem solving, collaboration, technological dexterity, intercultural fluency, and communication skills. The Schar School of Policy and Government will help you develop your professional competencies so that you can make a successful transition into the workplace. Here’s how:

☑ Meet with a dedicated University Career Services Industry Advisor
☑ Hone your research with the Undergraduate Research Assistant Program (URAP)
☑ Learn about government jobs and internships during Government Week
☑ Explore careers with Foreign Service Day and Foreign Service Networking Night
☑ Make a difference through the Peace Corps Prep Program
☑ Attend networking events with the active Schar School alumni chapter
☑ Take the GOVT 300 research methods course
☑ Get involved through student leadership opportunities
☑ Engage with featured speakers at group advising sessions
☑ Take part in study abroad courses and international internships

Schar School graduates work with employers such as...

◊ ATI Solutions
◊ Ben Glass Law
◊ Booz Allen Hamilton
◊ CACI
◊ CarahSoft: IT Solutions for Government
◊ CGI Federal
◊ Fairfax County Government
◊ Federal Bureau of Investigations
◊ ExxonMobil
◊ Foreign Service Institute
◊ Government Scientific Source
◊ Grant Thornton LLP
◊ Immigration and Customs Enforcement
◊ ING Financial Services
◊ Library of Congress
◊ Northrop Grumman
◊ National Park Service
◊ SAIC
◊ The Mitre Corporation
◊ The Partnership for Public Service
◊ U.S. Department of Justice
◊ U.S. Department of State
◊ U.S. Department of the Army
◊ U.S. House of Representatives
◊ U.S. Senate
◊ U.S. Peace Corps

Data collected from Mason's Career Plans Survey (Graduates from August and December 2018 and May 2017)
Past undergraduate internship placements include...

**ADVOCACY/ASSOCIATIONS/ NONPROFIT**
- American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
- Brady United Against Gun Violence
- Girls on the Run of Northern Virginia
- The Arab Gulf States Institute
- Lawyers Without Borders
- March of Dimes
- Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation
- Missile Defense Advocacy Alliance
- NAFSA: Assn of International Educators
- Emily’s List
- National Academy of Public Administration
- National Endowment for Democracy
- Fund for Global Human Rights
- Safe Kids Worldwide
- The Inter-American Dialogue
- Virginia Women’s Monument Commission
- Association for Women in Science
- Voto Latino

**CONGRESS**
- Congressman Robert Aderhold
- Congresswoman Katherine Clark
- Congressman Gerry Connolly
- Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick
- Congressman Josh Gottheimer
- Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham
- Congressman Ibraheem Samirah
- Congresswoman Lauren Underwood
- Senator John Boozman
- Senator Susan Collins
- Senator Joni Ernst
- Senator Tim Kaine
- Senator Mitch McConnell
- Senator Mark Warner
- US Select Committee on Intelligence
- US House Oversight and Government Reform Committee
- US Senate Foreign Relations Committee

**GOVERNMENT CONSULTING AND RESEARCH**
- China Development Institute
- ICF Strategic Consulting and Communications
- Northrop Grumman Technology Services
- Praescient Analytics
- The Institute of World Politics
- The Center for the Constitution
- The Mitchell Group
- World Affairs Council of America

**LAW FIRMS**
- Nexus Caridades
- Odin, Feldman and Pittleman, PC
- Prosperity Lawyers, LLC
- Shaheen Law Firm, PC
- The Rodriguez Law Group

**CAMPAIGNS**
- Democratic National Committee
- Democratic Party of Virginia
- Fairfax County Republican Committee
- Forbes for Congress
- Republican National Committee

**FEDERAL LEVEL**
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- NASA
- National Geospatial Intelligence Agency
- Supreme Court of the United States USAID, Africa Bureau
- USDA Food Safety and Inspection Services
- US Citizenship and Immigration Services
- US Department of Homeland Security
- US Department of Justice
- US Department of State
- US Department of Treasury
- US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- US White House
- Voice of America

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**
- City of Alexandria, Vice Mayor’s Office
- City of Falls Church Police Department
- Fairfax County Circuit Court
- Merced, CA County Board of Supervisors
- Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia
- Virginia House of Delegates

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