

Political Science and International Relations



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WINTER BREAK BEGINS

Stay warm!

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SPRING SEMESTER BEGINS

Don't be late.

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MAY GRADUATION APPLICATIONS DUE

Bring them to the Registrar's
Office in the HAB.

3/16 - 3/18

WASHINGTON DC TRIP

Reserve these dates! Travel to
DC with Professor Kassop!
Watch for announcements next
spring with details.

Department

Winter Break

Congratulations on surviving final exams and the fall semester. Ready for a long winter break? Don't get too relaxed . . .

Summer is coming and it's not too late to begin thinking about internships, summer programs, and even scholarships for the 2014-2015 academic year.

In this Winter Break issue of the PSIR Newsletter, we've put together some time-sensitive program information you may want to look into over the next few weeks; hit the ground running in the spring.

And also, have a safe and warm break. See you all in January 2014 (!)

Internship Resources

American Political Science Association



A good place to start looking is the APSA "Internship Resources" page. They have a listing there of positions at the APSA (in Washington, D.C.) as well as listings of other political science related internships.

Check out their page at:

https://www.apsanet.org/content_11599.cfm

Spring and Summer Human Rights Programs



Spring & Summer Human Rights Programs in Rwanda and Bosnia

Application Deadlines:
Jan 8 (Spring Bosnia)
Feb 15 (Summer Bosnia+Rwanda)

Global Youth Connect is now accepting applications for their Summer 2014 Human

Rights Programs in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Rwanda, and are extending their application deadline for the Spring program in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Each program brings visiting youth (from the US, Canada, the UK, Australia, and all around the world) together with youth in the host location (Rwanda or Bosnia) to engage together in three key activities:

- A cross cultural human rights workshop
- Visits/Meetings with policy makers, organizations, and to relevant sites
- Volunteer service with grassroots NGOs on a variety of human rights issues including but not limited to: conflict resolution, education, health care, food/shelter, access to justice, human rights of children/youth, women, low-income populations, LGBTQ populations, indigenous populations, genocide survivors.

The deadline for applications is February 15, 2014 for Summer Programs, and January 8 for our end-March Spring Break program in Bosnia.

Ages 18 - 30 (for Bosnia Programs) and 18 - 35 (for Rwanda Programs).

Some scholarship assistance is available for each program.

To APPLY: www.globalyouthconnect.org/participate

For RWANDA Reports: www.globalyouthconnect.org/country_rwanda

For BOSNIA Reports: www.globalyouthconnect.org/country_bosnia

GYC Blogs: gycvillage.org and youthpolicy.org/interculturalblogging

Leadership New York Summer Institute



2014 NEW Leadership™ New York Summer Institute

A Unique Opportunity at the Center for Women in Government & Civil Society, Rockefeller College, University at Albany

This program, NEW Leadership™ New York (NLNY), is the first and only program of its kind in New York State, and is part of the National Education for Women's (NEW) Leadership Network. NLNY is held on the University at Albany campus.

The goals of NLNY are to strengthen policy knowledge and skills of undergraduate women, and invite them to become advocates for change. This intensive week-long summer program encourages leadership through action, and offers competitive mini grant awards for participants to create a campus and/or community engagement project.

NLNY is open to undergraduate women enrolled at New York State colleges and universities, and to New York State residents enrolled in colleges and universities outside of New York.

Applications are available online at <http://www.albany.edu/womeningov/programs/>



Citizen Action of New York is looking for interns during the Spring 2014 semester at its Kingston Office. Learn to organize lobby visits, press conferences, educational forums, petition drives and more. Current issues they are working on include: campaign finance reform, equitable public education funding, and affordable health care.

Contact Kat Fisher (kfisher@citizenactionny.org) or visit their website (<http://citizenactionny.org/>) to find out more about the internship.

UUP Scholarship - deadline: February 28, 2014



UUP College Scholarship Fund Undergraduate Award

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The UUP College Scholarship Fund was created by the union to celebrate its members' commitment to academic excellence and the life of the mind, and to their endeavors in the promotion of social justice.

The UUP College Scholarship Fund gives scholarships in honor of UUP members and their families who have donated generously—in time and money—to the scholarship fund. UUP awards scholarships to recognize:

Eugene P. Link — A SUNY Plattsburgh professor emeritus of history who taught in New York's state university system for 35 years, the late Eugene Link was a highly regarded and respected professor. He dedicated his life to working families and to students who demonstrated an interest in unionism and the larger labor movement.

Robert F. Carter and Katherine K. Carter — The late Robert Carter was a SUNY Oswego associate professor of history and a UUP member for more than 25 years. His late wife, Katherine, made several generous donations to the scholarship fund in his memory.

Gertrude A. Butera — Gertrude Butera's unrelenting fundraising efforts have helped the scholarship grow since its inception in the mid-1980s to a sustained fund that rewards exemplary SUNY undergraduates. She was named an honorary trustee in 1993.

One-time scholarships of \$2,000 are awarded to SUNY undergraduates who demonstrate a commitment to academic excellence, social justice issues and labor ideals. The union gave its first undergraduate scholarships in 1988.

Who's Eligible

UUP College Scholarship Fund undergraduate applicants should:

- *Be full-time undergraduate students at a state-operated campus of SUNY who have completed at least 18 credits and have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.75;*
- *Exhibit dedication to the goals of the trade and labor union movements. In addition, applicants must demonstrate high integrity, a tireless quest for excellence in both academic and personal endeavors, and service to the community;*
- *Submit a copy of your official transcript(s) from each college/university attended;*
- *Be in active, full-time attendance carrying a current load of at least 12 credits; and*
- *Demonstrate dedication to labor union values and social justice.*

In addition, applicants must show evidence of good character and service to SUNY and the community through letters and other documents.

A Selection Committee will review all applications and choose candidates to be interviewed. The number of scholarships awarded will be determined by the Trustees of the UUP College Scholarship Fund.

Finalists will be interviewed by the Trustees or their designees.

How to Apply

A complete list of scholarship eligibility requirements and applications may be obtained from campus **financial aid offices**; on the UUP website at www.uupinfo.org (click on Scholarships to get a fillable PDF application that can be emailed to kplowman@uupmail.org); or by writing to **UUP College Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 15143, Albany, N.Y. 12212-5143.**

ICPSR Internships - deadline: January 31, 2014



Summer Undergraduate Internship Program

The ICPSR summer internship program provides undergraduate students with a unique and expansive research experience

that introduces all aspects of social science research and includes supported exploration of a research query from start to finish, data management training, and focused methodological education in quantitative research. The students, under the supervision of faculty mentors, develop a research question, perform a literature search and review, complete data analysis, and report findings in a poster; learn good data management processes and research practices with a research process mentor; and attend classes at the ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods.

You need:	A cover letter or letter of interest	Two letters of recommendation
	Resume or CV	List of relevant courses
	Two Letters of Reference	
Deadline	Applications due by January 31, 2014.	
Eligibility	Expected graduation of Dec. 2014 or later	
	United States citizenship or permanent residency	
	Undergraduate standing and completion of sophomore year	
Qualifications	Strong academic credentials	
	Knowledge of a statistical software package such as SPSS, SAS, or Stata	
	Previous experience with social science research via work or class project	
	Demonstrated leadership, problem-solving	
	Strong verbal and written communication skills	
	Ability to prioritize tasks, work on multiple assignments at once	
	Ability to work both independently and as part of a team	
Compensation:	\$4,000 stipend, room and partial-board in university housing, and a scholarship covering the cost of fees, texts, and materials for coursework in the ICPSR Summer Program	
Website:	http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/sumprog/index.jsp	