In the summer of 2010, the Peter G. Peterson Foundation established its Fiscal Internship Program in Washington DC with the goal of encouraging young people to engage in fiscal and economic policy.

The program pairs current students with leading public policy organizations to work on issues vital to our country’s future economic well-being. Interns live and work in Washington D.C. for ten weeks during the summer while gaining professional experience, skills, and contacts that will serve them throughout their careers.

Participants in this program have the unique opportunity to:

- Live and work in our nation’s capital
- Gain first-hand experience with leading organizations working on federal fiscal policy
- Join a diverse community of experts and students interested in budgetary and economic issues

Interested applicants may apply to any of the host institutions listed below. The host institutions’ work spans a variety of issues including healthcare, Social Security, economic policy, and tax policy, and includes a range of perspectives from progressive to conservative. If selected, interns will work on research assignments related to federal fiscal policy issues under the direct supervision of a leading scholar at their host institution.

This year’s hosts will include:

- American Action Forum
- Bipartisan Policy Center
- Brookings Institution
- Center for American Progress
- Committee for Economic Development
- Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget
- Center for Strategic and International Studies
- Economic Policy Institute
- Kaiser Family Foundation
- Mercatus Center
- Niskanen Center
- Progressive Policy Institute
- Urban Institute/Tax Policy Center

Interns receive a $6,000 stipend for the ten-week program.

Qualifications:

The Peter G. Peterson Foundation Fiscal Internship program is looking for a diverse group of talented students who are passionate about policy and good with numbers. The most successful candidates are ambitious, actively involved on campus or in their communities, and have demonstrated superior academic performance.
We seek applicants who have:

- An academic background in economics, political science, public policy, public administration, or a related field
- A demonstrated interest in fiscal and economic policy
- An aptitude for numbers
- Written communication skills
- An open mind and willingness to engage with those who share different opinions and beliefs
- A natural curiosity for learning new things
- A desire to live and work independently in Washington DC

Rising juniors, rising seniors, and current graduate students are eligible to apply. Students must have completed at least two courses in economics, math, statistics, or political science, and have a working fluency with numbers. Experience with Microsoft Excel is highly recommended.

Required Documents:

1. Resume
2. Unofficial Transcripts
3. Personal Statement (250 words): Please describe your future career goals – outlining factors that have influenced you along the way (personal, academic, or professional), and how you feel the PGPF Fiscal Internship program would help you to further your professional journey (250 words). Please use examples and be specific.
4. Statement of Policy Interest (250 words): Please choose ONE policy issue that interests you from the following list: • Federal entitlement spending • Budget process • Taxes • Healthcare • Retirement security • Infrastructure • State/local financing • National security/National defense • Another fiscal policy topic of your choosing. Thinking about this issue, answer ONE of the following (250 words): 1) Describe one aspect of this issue that you would like to reform and why; OR 2) Describe why you feel that this issue is important and why it should be a policy priority in the coming year.
5. Contact information for two references

2020 Internship Dates: June 1-August 7, 2020

Summer Stipend: $6,000

Deadline to Apply: February 2, 2020

Website: https://www.pgpf.org/what-we-are-doing/grants/grantee-list/pgpf-fiscal-internship-program-in-washington-dc

Contact email: fiscalinternship@pgpf.org

Applications now open. Apply here!

Organization: Peter G. Peterson Foundation
Job Location: Washington, DC
Job Application Link: The Peter G. Peterson Foundation’s Fiscal Internship Program
Post Date: Friday, December 20, 2019
Job Application Deadline: Sunday, February 2, 2020
Known Job Application Deadline: Yes

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