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## **Governor Ronnie Musgrove Introduces New Internship Program**

Jackson, Miss. – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today announced a new internship program that will be administered through his office. Governor Musgrove's Internship Program is designed to provide students with an opportunity to gain first-hand experience in Mississippi government. While acquiring invaluable work experience for a 10-week or a 13-week period, the intern serves as a staff member with professionals in a career of interest to the student. College juniors, seniors and master's level students in any academic discipline are encouraged to participate, and academic credit may be gained if the internship is approved by the student's college or university.

"This is a great opportunity for our students to get a hands-on education of the innerworkings of the Governor's office, and for us to attract Mississippi's best and brightest to public service," said Governor Musgrove. "The experiences our interns will have can prepare them for a wide variety of career opportunities when they graduate."

Governor's office interns can work alongside staff in areas such as Boards & Commissions, Citizen and Community Services, Communications, Legislative Affairs (Spring Only), Office of the First Lady, Policy & Planning and Scheduling and Advance Coordination. Students will be placed in the area most closely identified with the student's major or area of interest.

Applicants must be currently enrolled as a junior, senior or graduate student, must be a resident of Mississippi or attending a college or university in the state of Mississippi, should have at least a 3.0 grade point average, must submit a completed application and the requested paperwork. Internship selection will also depend upon the availability of positions in the student's area of interest or major and range from 20, 30 or 40 hours per week.

Applications may be obtained from each of Mississippi's public colleges and universities, the Governor's office on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the State Capitol, by calling the Governor's Office toll free phone number (877) 405-0733 and will be available, at a later date, on Governor Musgrove's web page, <u>www.governor.state.ms.us</u>.

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