

Governor's Internship Program
Press Conference
Friday, July 28, 2000
11:00 a.m.

Talking Points

- Good morning.
- I am please to be here this morning at the offices of the Institutions of Higher Learning to announce a new internship program that is available to Mississippi students through the Office of the Governor.
- It is not by accident that we are here today announcing this new internship program. We are here making this announcement because it affects the thousands of students enrolled at our public colleges and universities along with other students from Mississippi.
- This internship program is designed to provide students with an opportunity to gain first-hand experience in Mississippi government.
- Interns will acquire valuable work experience for a 10-week or 13-week period.

- The intern will serve as a staff member with professionals in a career of interest to the student.
- This program is designed for students who are college juniors, seniors or master's level students.
- And they must be a resident of Mississippi or attending a college or university in the state of Mississippi.
- Interns will have the opportunity to work alongside our staff in areas such as Boards and Commissions, Citizen and Community Services, Communications, Policy and Planning and others.
- Applications will be available at each of our state's public colleges and Universities, through the Governor's office and the information will also be available on our web page within the next month.
- School is just around the corner, and our fall deadline for internship application is August 4th.

- It is important that Mississippi students know about this program, and we will be getting the information to our colleges and universities today. You can also call our toll free phone number at (877) 405-0733 to request an application or you can stop by our offices.
- This is a great opportunity for our students to get a hands-on education of the inner-workings of Mississippi government, and for us to attract Mississippi's best and brightest to public service.
- The on-the-job experience our interns will have can prepare them for a wide variety of career opportunities when they graduate.
- We look forward to working with our colleges and universities as well as the media to help us let people know about this program and what value it can have for their futures.

Q&A

Can students get college credit for these internships?

Academic credit may be gained if the internship is approved by the intern's college or university.

What are the criteria for being selected?

- Students must be 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

How many hours will an intern work in a week?

The internships vary from 20, 30 or 40 hours per week.

Are the internships paid?

Yes. We are offering them stipends

Fall/Spring Stipend (Total for 13 weeks)

	Undergraduates	Graduate
Students		
40 Hours/Week	\$1000.00	\$1250.00
30 Hours/Week	\$750.00	\$1000.00
20 Hours/Week	\$500.00	\$750.00

Summer Stipend (Total for 10 weeks)

	Undergraduates	Graduate
Students		
40 Hours/Week	\$750.00	\$1000.00
30 Hours/Week	\$500.00	\$665.00
20 Hours/Week	\$375.00	\$500.00

How many interns can you have?

That is really dependent upon the number of professional staff members we have that can work one-on-one with the students. When the students qualify to participate in the program, they will be placed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Is it just students who attend a public university or college that can be an intern?

We encourage all Mississippi students who are juniors, seniors or masters level to apply. With the help of IHL, we can make the process of obtaining an application easier by having copies available at our universities and colleges.