



## **Welcome**

### **The application for the Summer and Fall 2026 Washington Internship Program is now open.**

The Bob Graham Center for Public Service and UF Federal Relations are pleased to sponsor public service internships for undergraduate UF students with Florida Congressional and Senate offices in Washington, D.C. for the Summer and Fall 2026 semester.

**[Sign up](#) for the virtual information session on Thursday, February 5, 2026 from 4-5 PM** to learn more about this internship program. If you register in advance, but cannot attend, we will send you a link to the recording.

**Sunday, February 15th, 2025, at 11:59 pm - Priority application deadline for students interested in Summer 2026.**

**On Friday, February 27th, 2025, at 11:59 pm - Priority application deadline for students interested in Fall 2026.**

A review of candidates after the priority review date may continue if needed.

Job duties in Florida Congressional offices include attending hearings, drafting reports and legislative updates, as well as supporting special projects, events, and essential front-line constituent relations. Successful candidates are detail-oriented, self-starters, and have a passion for civic engagement and the intersection of policy and politics.

This is an in-person internship and requires a time commitment of 40 hours per week.

All currently enrolled undergraduate academic majors are encouraged to apply. A minimum of a 3.0 GPA is required for this internship. Preference given to Junior and Senior standing students with at least one semester completed at UF.

In recent semesters UF students have served in offices including (but not limited to):

Washington, DC

US Senator Ashley Moody (R)

US Senator Rick Scott (R)

Rep. Aaron Bean (R-FL-4)

Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL-12)

Rep. Kat Cammack (R-FL-3)

Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (D-FL-20)

Rep. Lois Frankel (D-FL-22)

Rep. Laurel Lee (R-FL-15)

Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL-25)

Rep. Jared Moskowitz (D-FL-23)

Rep. Darren Soto (D-FL-9)

Rep. Frederica Wilson (D-FL-24)

Rep. Scott Franklin (R-FL- 18)

Selected interns are provided housing in Washington, D.C. and are eligible for a cost-of-living scholarship to help support their experience if a given office does not already provide a stipend.

Please direct any questions to Dr. Kevin Bird, Lecturer and Experiential Coordinator, Bob Graham Center for Public Service, at [kevin.bird@ufl.edu](mailto:kevin.bird@ufl.edu) or (352) 273-1077. Thank you.

## Biographical Info

First Name

Last Name

Mailing Address

City

State

Postal Code

UF Student ID

UF Email

Phone Number

Current Year at UF (by years, not credits)

Major(s)

Minor(s)

UF GPA (3.0 GPA is the minimum requirement for this internship)

How did you hear about this opportunity?

- Bob Graham Center Website
- Social Media
- Bob Graham Center Newsletter
- Faculty Advisor
- Friend
- Other, please explain.

Have you participated in any other Graham Center programs? Please select all that apply.

- Tallahassee Internship Program
- Washington Internship Program
- City of Gainesville Fellowship
- The Washington Center
- Askew Scholars
- Haskell Scholars
- Civic Scholars
- Bob Graham Center Student Org (Litigators, Fellows, FLC, FPR and PLS)
- Gulf Scholars
- Future of Florida Summit
- Other, please indicate below.

I am interested in applying for . . .

- Summer 2026
- Fall 2026
- both the Summer and Fall 2026, and I would be excited to accept an invitation to either semester.

Who is your member of Congress? Please explain if you would be interested in serving in this office, i.e., why or why not. (500

character limit)

To help us match you with a U.S. Congressional member in the Florida Delegation, please list up to three specific offices you strongly prefer, with your top choice first. As it is very helpful for us to have something other than a random listing of offices, please concisely explain the logic of your list, and your preference for each choice. (500 character limit) For your convenience, see this [List of Florida's Congressional Delegation](#).

What specific policy areas or issues are you passionate about, or would you like to explore further? Please describe how the offices above align with this passion/interest, if applicable. (900 character limit)

Rate how comfortable are you collaborating with someone who holds political views different from your own on scale of 1-10, (1 = not at all comfortable, 10 = completely comfortable). You are welcome to concisely contextualize your rating. Your honest response will help us make the best possible placement decisions if you are selected for the WIP Program. (600 character limit).

**Short Answer Questions**

Please tell us why you are interested in public service and what you hope to learn during the experience. (900 character limit)

What specific skills and experiences do you have that make you a good candidate for this internship? Please include prior highly professional internship or campaign work, or other political or government internship experience, as well as relevant academic coursework and/or research (800 character limit).

How will this internship contribute to your academic development and professional growth? (600 character limit)



## **Resume & References**

Please upload a PDF of your current one-page resume. The file name should read *Last Name\_First Name\_Resume* (e.g., Bird\_Kevin\_Resume). Please [see a sample resume at this link](#).

**Resumes that are not named as indicated above may not be considered for review.**

Please upload a PDF of your writing sample. The file name should read *Last Name\_First Name\_Writing Sample* (e.g., Bird\_Kevin\_Writing Sample). You must also include your FIRST and LAST name in the header of each page of your writing sample.

Submit a concise writing sample, no longer than three pages, that demonstrates your professional writing skills. Avoid extensive term papers. Suitable submissions include targeted academic papers, memos, blog posts, and news articles.

Please list **two** professional or academic references we may contact if you are selected to interview for this internship. The individual should be able to comment on what makes you a successful candidate and how this opportunity supports your academic or career pursuits.

### Reference 1

First Name

Last Name

Phone Number

Email Address

Relationship to applicant (e.g., advisor, supervisor, etc.)

## Reference 2

First Name

Last Name

Phone Number

Email Address

Relationship to applicant (e.g., advisor, supervisor, etc.)