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CBP Internship Graduate Students Program 2026

Description

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Internship Graduate Students Program offers a dynamic opportunity for graduate students to gain firsthand experience in the critical field of border security. Selected interns will work alongside CBP professionals on challenging and rewarding projects, contributing to the agency's mission of safeguarding America's borders.

- Participate in real-world projects directly related to your field of study.
- Gain valuable insights into CBP operations and the complexities of border security.
- Network with experienced professionals and build connections for potential future careers.

Responsibilities

- Assist with data analysis and research projects
- Contribute to policy development and implementation
- Participate in outreach and public education initiatives
- Help develop and improve CBP programs and procedures
- Gain exposure to CBP technology and security measures (depending on the internship placement)

Qualifications

- Enrolled in a master's degree program at an accredited university in a relevant field, such as:
 - Public Policy
 - Homeland Security
 - International Relations
 - Criminal Justice
 - Business Administration (with a focus on logistics or trade)
 - Engineering (with a focus on technology or infrastructure)
- A strong academic record is preferred.

Experience

- Prior internship experience or relevant coursework is a plus, but not required.

Skills

- Excellent research, writing, and analytical skills
- Strong problem-solving and critical thinking abilities
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills
- A commitment to public service and U.S. citizenship are required.

Hiring organization

CBP

Employment Type

Intern

Duration of employment

6 Months

Industry

Government Administration

Job Location

Washington, D.C., United States,
20001, Washington, D.C., United States

Working Hours

8

Base Salary

10

Date posted

March 8, 2026

Valid through

22.04.2027

Job Benefits

- Competitive stipend
- Opportunity to make a real impact on national security
- Gain practical experience in your field of study
- Potential conversion to a permanent position after graduation (subject to program requirements)

How To Apply

Applications for the CBP Internship Graduate Students Program are typically announced in the fall. Keep an eye on the CBP Careers website (<https://careers.cbp.gov/s/>) and USAJOBS (<https://help.usajobs.gov/>) for application deadlines and instructions.