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## **Student Opportunities at the Department of Homeland Security**

The demand for an experienced and qualified workforce to protect our Nation has never been higher. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is currently recruiting students and recent graduates who are interested in the following areas:

### **Secretary's Honors Program (SHP) Cyber Student Volunteer Initiative (CSVI)**

The Secretary's Honors Program (SHP) Cyber Student Volunteer Initiative (CSVI) provides undergraduate and graduate students pursuing cybersecurity-related degrees with an opportunity to work with top DHS cybersecurity professionals, while learning about the unique cybersecurity missions of the Department. By offering temporary, hands-on experience to current students, DHS hopes to make a meaningful impact on the education of the Nation's next generation of cybersecurity talent. For more information, visit <https://www.dhs.gov/homeland-security-careers/secretarys-honors-program> or contact [CMSI@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:CMSI@hq.dhs.gov).

### **Secretary's Honors Program for Attorneys or Honors Attorney Program**

The Secretary's Honors Program for Attorneys (Honors Attorney Program) is a two-year program designed for highly qualified third-year law students, fourth-year students graduating from four-year programs, combination programs or LL.M. programs immediately after law school, and those applying from judicial clerkships immediately after law school. Candidates will have the opportunity to work at multiple legal offices within the Office of the General Counsel.

The Honors Attorney Program offers highly qualified individuals the unique opportunity to start their legal career by addressing some of the most critical and challenging issues facing our nation today. The broad mission of DHS offers Honors Attorneys experiences in a variety of practice areas. These include, but are not limited to, national security law, immigration law, litigation, legislative and regulatory practice, international law, intellectual property, maritime safety and security, transportation security, border security, cybersecurity, fiscal and appropriations law, federal procurement, and environmental law. Honors Attorneys can expect to be given a significant amount of responsibility early in their careers, often handling highly visible or legally significant cases. For more information, visit <https://www.dhs.gov/homeland-security-careers/honors-attorneys>

### **Scholarship for Service (SFS)**

Scholarship for Service (SFS) is a unique program designed to increase and strengthen the cadre of Federal information assurance professionals that protect the government's critical information infrastructure. The SFS Program provides scholarships to students in cyber-related degree programs in exchange for a commitment to employment with government organizations. For more information, visit <https://www.sfs.opm.gov>.

### **Pathways Internship Program**

The Pathways Internship Program is a paid program designed to provide students enrolled in a wide variety of educational institutions, from high school to graduate level, with opportunities to work in agencies and explore Federal careers while still in school. Students who complete the program may be eligible for conversion to a permanent job in the civil service. For more information, visit <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/hiring-information/students-recent-graduates/#url=intern>.

### **Pathways Recent Graduates Program**

The Pathways Recent Graduates Program affords developmental experiences in the federal government, intended to promote possible careers in the civil service to individuals who have recently graduated from qualifying education institutions or programs. Participants are mentored throughout the program and develop an Individual Development Plan that includes 40 hours of professional development and training activities. The program lasts for one year; Recent Graduates that complete all program requirements may be converted to a permanent position. For more information, visit <https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/unique-hiring-paths/students/>.



## Pathways Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program

The Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program is a flagship, two-year leadership development program at the entry-level for advanced degree candidates. Created more than three decades ago, the PMF program attracts and selects from among the best candidates nationwide and is designed to develop a cadre of potential federal government leaders. Individuals who have completed, within the past two years, a qualifying advanced degree (e.g. master's or professional degree) are eligible. PMFs are mentored throughout the fellowship and develop an Individual Development Plan that includes 80 hours of professional development and training activities, including at least one rotational assignment. PMFs that successfully complete all program requirements may be converted to a permanent position. For more information, visit [www.pmf.gov](http://www.pmf.gov).

## Health and Science Internship Program

- [Office of Health Affairs Volunteer Scholars Program](#) offers unique unpaid work opportunities to students interested in medical and health matters. Applications are reviewed quarterly.
- [DHS Scholarship Program](#) provides individual scholarships to support undergraduate students pursuing degrees in homeland security-focused courses of study.
- [National HS-STEM Summer Internship Program](#) provides undergraduate juniors and seniors the opportunity to work with homeland security professionals and researchers for up to ten weeks during the summer. Participants are provided a stipend and conduct research in DHS mission-relevant research areas at federal research facilities and DHS Centers of Excellence.
- [Summer Research Team Program](#) conducts research at one of the twelve U.S. Department of Homeland Security Centers of Excellence and their partners for ten weeks during the summer.
- Nuclear Forensics Undergraduate Scholarship Program (NFUSP) provides scholarships to qualified undergraduate students pursuing degrees in disciplines relevant to technical nuclear forensics including physics, chemistry, nuclear engineering, and material science. Students gain hands-on experience through summer research opportunities at the Department of Energy national laboratories and close interaction with technical experts throughout the national nuclear forensics community.
- [Nuclear Forensics Research Award](#) supports the establishment of a team of faculty, graduate and undergraduate students, with a national or defense laboratory partner, to conduct advanced research in nuclear forensics. This award will foster relationships and facilitate collaboration between universities and the laboratories, and encourage joint research in the nuclear forensics field as well as the sharing of equipment and literature.
- [Seaborg Institute Nuclear Science Summer Internship Program](#) seeks graduate students from research universities across the nation to work in critical skills areas related to nuclear forensics. Students are given an opportunity to join scientists in independent research projects at a national laboratory and are teamed with mentors who can help hone their skills and guide research projects for advanced degrees.
- [Nuclear Forensics Undergraduate Summer School](#) provides undergraduate students with comprehensive, experimental, hands-on training in topics essential to nuclear forensics. Through laboratory experiments and complementary lectures, students are introduced to the practice and technical aspects of nuclear forensic science.

## Law Enforcement Internship Program

- [Federal Law Enforcement Training Center \(FLETC\) College Intern Program](#) provides a unique opportunity for college students, majoring in Criminal Justice or a related field, to participate in a federal law enforcement training environment.
- [CBP Explorer Program](#) offers opportunities in character building, good citizenship, and fitness for young men and women ages 14 through 21. CBP has Law Enforcement Explorer Posts both at ports of entry and at Border Patrol sectors, which provide Explorers with practical training and hands-on experience in Federal law enforcement-related activities.



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### Legal Internship Program

- The [General Counsel's Law Student Summer Volunteer Program](#) is a volunteer program over the course of the summer that provides law students the opportunity to work on assignments that offer both valuable experience and substantial individual responsibility in the Office of the General Counsel at the Department of Homeland Security headquarters located in Washington, D.C.
- The [General Counsel's Legal Externship \(Volunteer\) Program](#) is a volunteer program during the fall or spring semesters offering law students the opportunity to gain valuable professional experience and to earn academic credit while working in the headquarters Office of the General Counsel at the Department of Homeland Security located in Washington, D.C.

### Office of Intelligence & Analysis (I&A) Internship Program

The Intelligence & Analysis (I&A) Internship Program is a paid experience focused on developing talented students into capable, well-rounded, DHS intelligence professionals. The I&A Internship Program offers a full-time summer only program for students nationwide, as well as a year-long program for local students in the D.C. metro area. All interns work full-time during the summer and local interns continue working part-time during the academic year.

In addition to their assigned duties, interns will spend their summer experiencing opportunities and training related to the Department and its Components: U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Transportation Security Administration, Federal Emergency Management Administration, and others. Interns will also be exposed to the greater Intelligence community and its agencies and missions, including the Central Intelligence Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Security Agency, National Counterterrorism Center, and more.

For more information, visit [www.dhs.gov/ia-internship](http://www.dhs.gov/ia-internship) or contact [IA-InternshipProgram@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:IA-InternshipProgram@hq.dhs.gov).

### Office of Public Affairs (OPA) Internship Program

The [Office of Public Affairs \(OPA\) Internship Program](#) provides students the opportunity to support OPA's mission of managing external and internal communications for the department. OPA responds to national media inquiries, maintains and updates the department's website (DHS.gov), writes speeches for principals and coordinates speaking events for department officials. We foster strategic communication throughout the department and with external stakeholders. We manage the department's organizational identity program, which includes use of the DHS seal and related guidelines. OPA oversees the department's employee communication activities, which includes town hall meetings between management and employees, and an intranet site. Our incident communications program guides overall federal incident communication activity and coordinates with state, local, and international partners to ensure accurate and timely distribution of information to the public during a crisis.

### United States Coast Guard (USCG)

- **Coast Guard's College Student Pre-commissioning Initiative (CSPI)** for sophomores and juniors, the CSPI funds up to two years of tuition, books, and fees while paying a salary and benefits. After graduation, students attend Officer Candidate School. For more information, visit <https://www.gocoastguard.com/active-duty-careers/officer-opportunities/programs/college-student-pre-commissioning-initiative>
- **CSPI- Student Loan Repayment Program** for college seniors, recent graduates, and graduate students, recipients receive basic training then attend Officer Candidate School. The program offers up to \$60,000 in loan repayment for qualified commissioned officers. For more information, visit <https://www.gocoastguard.com/active-duty-careers/officer-opportunities/programs/cspi-student-loan-repayment-program-cspi-slrp>.
- **Direct Commission Officer Program** for certain degrees including Electrical Engineering, Maritime Academy graduates, and students with two years of Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) experience. For more information, visit [www.gocoastguard.com](http://www.gocoastguard.com)



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### **Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) HERO Child-Rescue Corps**

The Human Exploitation Rescue Operative (HERO) Child-Rescue Corps is a program developed by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and U.S. Special Operations Command (SOCOM) in conjunction with the National Association to Protect Children. The HERO Child-Rescue Corps Program is designed for wounded, ill, and injured Veterans to receive training in high-tech computer forensics and law enforcement skills, to assist federal agents in the fight against online child sexual exploitation. Upon successful completion of the program HERO interns will have the knowledge, skills and experience to apply for careers with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, and other organizations, in the field of computer forensics. The HERO Corps Program entails:

- 4 weeks of training about child exploitation with The National Association to Protect Children
- 6 weeks of intensive computer forensics training in Fairfax, VA, leading to certifications in CompTIA A+, AccessData Certified Examiners (ACE) and EnCase1
- 10 months of practical experience assisting HSI special agents with criminal cases and prosecutions, with duties, such as: image and process digital media, forensic analysis, assist investigators to identify high-value targets and locate child victims, prepare detailed reports for prosecutions. For more information, visit [www.ice.gov/hero](http://www.ice.gov/hero)

### **Mayor Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program**

Mayor Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) is a locally funded initiative sponsored by the Department of Employment Services (DOES) that provides District youth ages 14 to 24 with enriching and constructive summer work experiences through subsidized placements in the private and government sectors.

SYEP benefits both DHS and program participants. DHS benefits by giving back by providing young people with structured job opportunity to gain meaningful work experience, and provide training programs that will positively impact their future. Program participants are provided the opportunity to earn money, and gain meaningful work experience, learn and develop the skills, attitudes, and commitments necessary to succeed in today's world of work, and interact with dynamic working professionals in a positive work environment. For more information, visit <https://does.dc.gov/service/mayor-marion-s-barry-summer-youth-employment-program>.