



# National Council on U.S.- Arab Relations

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## 2020 Summer Internship Program Program Overview

The National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations' Washington, D.C. Summer Internship Program promotes academic, professional, and personal development. It combines full-time work experiences with a parallel academic seminar and site-visits to central institutions of federal government, national security policymaking, and international diplomacy and business over 10 weeks. The Internship Program's seminar is structured to introduce students to dozens of professionals whose careers are related to improving various facets of the Arab-U.S. relationship. **Lectures will focus on the Arab Gulf states**, though other key regions and issues may be addressed. Interns have the opportunity to meet with a broad range of foreign policy specialists, American and Arab-world diplomatic staff and ambassadors, journalists and other media personnel, civic and political activists, political and career professionals in the U.S. government, and international education specialists. Interns are also given the chance to explore Washington, D.C. through films, cultural events, group dinners, and exploration of the nation's capital. Participants are able to not only experience working in international affairs, but also living in a dynamic city of cultural, political, and social significance.

- 25 interns are selected from American and international colleges and universities.
- Undergraduates, recent graduates, and those working toward advanced degrees may apply.
- Interns are placed in one of more than a dozen Washington, D.C.-based organizations and companies to take part in a full-time (35-40 hours per week) work experience in their respective fields of interest.
- Internships are unpaid; a **\$1,000 stipend** is awarded upon completion of the program requirements.
- Special consideration is given to alumni of the Council's [Model Arab League](#) program.



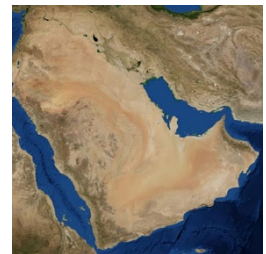
## Introduction to the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations

Founded in 1983, the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations is an American non-profit, non-governmental, educational organization dedicated to improving American knowledge and understanding of the Arab world. The Council has been granted public charity status in accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The National Council's *vision* is a relationship between the United States and its Arab partners, friends, and allies that rests on as solid and enduring a foundation as possible. Such a foundation, viewed from both ends of the spectrum, is one that would be characterized by strengthened and expanded strategic, economic, political, commercial, and defense cooperation ties; increased joint ventures; a mutuality of benefit; reciprocal respect for each other's heritage and values; and overall acceptance of each other's legitimate needs, concerns, interests, and objectives.

The National Council's *mission* is educational. It seeks to enhance American awareness, knowledge, and understanding of the Arab countries, the Mideast, and the Islamic world. Its means for doing so encompass but are not limited to programs for leadership development, people-to-people exchanges, lectures, publications, an annual Arab-U.S. policymakers conference, and the participation of American students and faculty in Arab world study experiences. As a public service, the Council also serves as an information clearinghouse and participant in national, state, and local grassroots outreach to media, think tanks, and select community, civic, educational, business, and professional associations. In these ways the Council helps strengthen and expand the overall Arab-U.S. relationship.

More information about the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations is available at: [ncusar.org](http://ncusar.org)





## Required Application Materials

**1) Letter of Interest:** Applicants must submit a letter where they describe why they are interested in the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations Washington, D.C. University Student Summer Internship Program and how it fits into their academic and career goals, background, experience and interest in the Arab region. Applicants should also include any other information they think is important for the selection committee to know. *The Letter of Interest should be limited to one page single-spaced, or two pages double-spaced with 1 inch margins.*

**2) Writing Sample:** Applicants must compose a short paper on the topic "U.S.-Arab Relations: Assessing the successes and failures of American policy toward the GCC region over the last decade." *Papers must be in size 12 Times New Roman font, double-spaced with 1 inch margins, and may be no longer than three pages. Use citations where necessary.*

**3) Resume:** Applicants must submit a copy of their resume/CV. Most students need only one page for a resume, which should be neatly formatted.

**4) Official Transcripts:** Applicants must submit official transcripts for all university-level work. Candidates may submit an additional letter explaining special circumstances that may have contributed to low (under 2.5) or inconsistent GPA or an excessive number of dropped or failed classes. All transcripts must be official. *Official transcripts are those sent directly by the institution, or sealed in a separate envelope by the institution and released to the student. Some institutions facilitate electronic submission of official transcripts. Institutions may take several weeks to process transcript requests, so please plan ahead.*

**5) Letters of Recommendation:** Applicants must submit two (2) sealed letters of recommendation, or have the recommender mail them directly, from faculty members or others who know their academic work well. Letters can be mailed to the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations office or emailed to [internshipprogram@ncusar.org](mailto:internshipprogram@ncusar.org). Emailed letters of recommendation must come directly from the faculty member's or other recommender's institutional email account, or they may be rejected.

**6) Application Fee:** Applicants must submit a check, money order, or pay online in the amount of \$25.00 (non-refundable) payable to "National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations." This fee must be paid in order for an individual's application to be considered. Online payment is available with submission of an online application.

**7) Application Forms:** Complete the enclosed forms. Enter your information electronically and print the document before affixing the required signatures OR print a blank copy of the document and complete it by hand. Applicants must submit and/or indicate their acceptance of: [A] General Information Form (Page 4), [B] Advertising Source Survey (Page 4), [C] Disclosure of Records Agreement (Page 5), [D] Program Terms and Conditions (Page 6), [E] Internship Placement Preferences (Page 7).

Applications and selections may be made on a rolling basis. **The final application deadline is: February 21, 2020.** All materials must be postmarked by Friday, February 21, 2020, in order to be considered. Any mailed materials postmarked after this date will not be considered. Incomplete applications will not be considered.



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## **[A] GENERAL INFORMATION FORM**

PREFIX: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRAM (i.e., Bachelors, Masters, Doctoral) AND AREA OF STUDY (i.e., Major(s) and Minor(s)):

MAILING ADDRESS:

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever participated in a Model Arab League?    YES    NO

If so, please list the MAL conference(s) which you attended, their year, and what position you held:

## **[B] ADVERTISING SOURCE SURVEY**

How did you learn about the NCUSAR Summer Internship Program? Please check one or more.

Former Program Participant

Model Arab League

Email from the National Council

My School's Career Services Office

National Council Website

Other Website (*specify*):

Career/Internship Fair

A Professor (*name*):

Other (please explain):



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## **[C] DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS AGREEMENT**

Your signature below indicates your consent to the following:

I hereby indicate my consent allowing the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations (National Council) to disclose information from my education records to my parents or guardians, internship sponsors, and my home academic institution (including information from my academic, placement, administrative, financial, and health records created by the National Council or forwarded to the National Council by my college or university) for the purpose of facilitating my placement and keeping parties informed of my internship progress. Such information may be disclosed to these individuals or institutions from the time that I apply to the National Council Washington, DC Summer Internship Program and for a two year period following completion of my internship.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_





## [D] INTERNSHIP PROGRAM TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Applicants are required to indicate their acceptance of these statements with an 'X' or '✓', and sign below indicating they have read and understand the following terms and conditions. Applicants must also answer all the questions found in this section.

**Financial Responsibility:** I understand it is my responsibility to be aware of all financial arrangements for my enrollment in the National Council's Summer Internship Program.

**Housing and Incidental Expenses:** I understand that I will be responsible for the cost of my own housing, meals, transportation and incidental expenses while I am in Washington, D.C.

**Internship Status:** I understand that all internships provided under the auspices of the program are unpaid. The National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations will provide a \$1,000 stipend upon successful completion of all of the program's internship and academic requirements. These include the evening seminars, site visits, and other activities, along with the work component. I understand that failing to meet some or all of these requirements may result in a reduction or cancellation of my stipend.

**Academic Records:** I authorize all post-secondary academic institutions I have attended to release all requested records and authorize review of my application for the admission process.

**Program Expectations:** I understand that the National Council's Washington, DC Summer Internship Program requires me to work full time [35-40 hours/week] in my internship placement AND to participate fully in all seminar sessions, scheduled program activities, and additional assignments. I understand there will be required readings and written assignments as part of the program's academic evening seminar. I understand that I must follow the policies and procedures of my placement organization, and may sometimes be asked to complete tasks outside of the normal hours of the workday. I understand that I am expected to participate in the Summer Intern Model Arab League as part of the program requirements. The Summer Intern Model Arab League will be held on a Saturday in July 2020.

**Personal Conduct:** I understand that during the program I am a representative of the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations, of my placement organization, and of my home academic institution at all times and in all public places. I agree to abide by the laws of the United States, the District of Columbia, and any state where I may be domiciled or present. I agree to accept and abide by the rules and standards of my assigned workplace and to conduct myself professionally and to the standards of internationally accepted personal behavior at all times. I further understand that my failure to meet these laws, rules, and standards may result in my expulsion from the internship program.

1. Have you ever been found responsible for a disciplinary violation at any post-secondary school you have attended, whether related to academic misconduct or behavioral misconduct that resulted in your probation, suspension, removal, dismissal or expulsion from the institution?  
YES NO
2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? YES NO

If you answered yes to either or both questions, please attach a separate document that gives the approximate date of each incident and explains the circumstances as necessary.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



## [E] INTERNSHIP PLACEMENT PREFERENCES

The National Council evaluates selected interns' skills, interests, and academic background in order to best match the needs of work placement organizations. **The Council cannot guarantee placement at a requested organization.**

The following is a sample list of organizations with which you may be placed. After researching each, please select up to four organizations with which you would like to work this summer from this list.

Please note that program participants are placed according to host organization preference and availability. Program participants may be placed at host organizations not listed below. The National Council works with every program participant to attempt to find an internship experience that fits both the students and the host organization.

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| Washington Report on Middle East Affairs        | AMIDEAST                             |
| Middle East Policy Council                      | American Near East Refugee Aid       |
| Hands Along the Nile Development Services       | Mission of the League of Arab States |
| Georgetown Center for Contemporary Arab Studies | Syrian Relief and Development        |
| International Technology and Trade Associates   | Education for Employment             |
| Islamic Relief USA                              | Palestine Center/Jerusalem Fund      |

List any languages, other than English, in which you are FLUENT.

Please indicate any specific countries, sub-regions, or topic areas for which you have a particular interest or passion. This information will aid in the work experience placement process. Select any of the options from the list below and indicate others on the provided lines.

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Research/Policy         | Fundraising/Development | Other: _____ |
| Business/Trade/Economic | Advocacy                | Other: _____ |
| Diplomacy               | Education               | Other: _____ |
| Journalism/Media        | Event Planning          | Other: _____ |

Please list any special skills or experience you wish to highlight such as IT, social media, photography or video editing, coding, specific computer programs, etc.

**SELF-PLACEMENT OPTION:** Applicants may seek internship opportunities with other organizations, companies, or government entities in the Washington, D.C. area that have independent application processes. Applicants awarded such internships may be accepted into the the National Council's program provided the intern's placement is compatible with the Council program seminar and activities schedule. Please inform the National Council of any potential alternate placement arrangements as early as possible.



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## SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Paper applications *must* be submitted via post. Online submission of paper applications will not be accepted.

*Mail paper applications to:*

National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations  
ATTN: Summer Internship Program  
1730 M St. NW, Suite 503  
Washington, DC 20036

**FINAL DEADLINE: Friday, February 21, 2020**

The National Council may review and accept applicants on a rolling basis prior to the final application deadline. **All materials must be postmarked by Friday, February 21, 2020 in order to be considered.** Materials may arrive separately, such as official transcripts mailed directly by your college or university, or letters of recommendation. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that all materials are postmarked by the deadline.

Supplementary materials such as published articles, non-academic certificates, or writing samples will NOT be considered. Late materials will NOT be considered.

**Questions may be directed to:**

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