

## APPLYING

To apply, please e-mail your unofficial or official transcript and one-page resume to [internship@taxfoundation.org](mailto:internship@taxfoundation.org), and include in the body of the e-mail or as a separate attachment the answers to the following questions:

1. Contact information (name, e-mail address, telephone number)
2. Term of internship (Summer, Fall, Spring)
3. Availability: part-time / full-time
4. Rank your internship preferences (for example: "Media Relations-1, Development-2,")
5. Describe relevant experience which would be beneficial to an internship. (Examples can include experience with economics, statistics, mathematics, statistics, computer coding, research, writing, fundraising, PowerPoint, Excel, database management, etc.)
6. How do you hope to benefit from a Tax Foundation internship? What areas of work interest you? (No more than 500 words, please.)
7. What are your short-term and long-term career goals? (No more than 500 words, please.)
8. How did you hear about the Tax Foundation's internship program?

*"I got the opportunity to do a lot of substantial work (op-eds, reports) that I never even thought I could do or would be able to do. I learned a lot about tax policy as well as sticking to your ideals and working with integrity."*

Tax Foundation internships are all year long and applications are considered on a rolling basis. (Applicants for summer internships are advised to submit their materials no later than April 15.)

Internships (except virtual internships) are located at our office in downtown Washington, D.C., and are unpaid. We are committed to responding to completed applications within 4 weeks of submission.



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## ABOUT THE TAX FOUNDATION

Since its founding in 1937, the Tax Foundation has been looked to for its non-partisan and principled research and analysis of tax issues at all levels of government. Best known for our annual calculation of "Tax Freedom Day," we work to raise economic awareness among taxpayers, lawmakers, and media.

While there are a number of Washington, D.C.-based public policy groups today that cover a broad range of policy issues, only the Tax Foundation provides a principled voice on the impact of tax and fiscal policy at the federal, state, and local levels.

*"This summer I chose to intern at the Tax Foundation because of my desire to learn more about public finance. I also believe in the Tax Foundation's principles that the tax code needs to be simple and promote economic growth."*

## ABOUT OUR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

We offer a unique internship program designed to introduce undergraduate and graduate students to tax policy principles, and apply them in assessing and advancing public policy. Working directly with our staff in various areas of tax policy, interns gain valuable professional experience and learn about all aspects of our operation.

While data entry and routine tasks are part of the internship, the majority of the work is substantive. Interns are afforded flexibility to attend events, lectures, and seminars around Washington, D.C. As a non-partisan research institution, we encourage interns to develop a broad sense of our principles and find innovative ways to contribute to our mission.

The Tax Foundation is happy to work with outside fellowship programs to host interns, and to assist in arranging for school credit.

*Senior Economist Gerald Prante with 2009 Intern Jack Mountjoy*



### EXAMPLES OF INTERN PROJECTS

Past interns, with the assistance of our staff, have researched and published commentaries on policy in newspapers and journals, assisted in micro simulation models of tax changes, and posted on our tax policy blog. Examples include:

- \*Justine Lam (2004) authored an op-ed, "Don't Let the Cigarette Tax Hurt the Poor," published in the *Contra Costa Times*.
- \*Sara Cseresnyes (2006) co-authored an op-ed, "Soda Tax the Wrong Way to Curb Obesity," published in the *Denver Post*.
- \*Adam Creighton (2007) authored a tongue-in-cheek op-ed, "Taxing Obesity: A Modest Proposal," which was published in *The American*.
- \*Will Luther (2008) prepared a study on film tax credits published in-house and distributed to state legislators and activists across the country.
- \*Sarah Larson (2008) organized logistics for summer conferences and authored 10 blog posts.
- \*Kiran Sheffrin (2009) authored an op-ed, "Game Misconduct: St. Louis Widens Jock Tax," published in the *Boston Herald*.
- \*Micah Cohen (2009) co-authored with Kiran an op-ed, "Solving California's Budget Problems," published in his hometown paper, the *San Diego Union-Tribune*.
- \*David Splinter (2009) published blog posts on D.C. tax issues, and launch a dynamic graphs project at the Tax Foundation.
- \*Andre Dammert (2009) co-authored a piece with Tax Foundation President Scott Hodge on corporate tax rates in the OECD countries.

*"My internship experience has enabled me to see how ideas get effectively spread. It was motivating to discuss questions and approaches with colleagues and see our ideas published."*

## INTERNSHIP AREAS

**Federal Policy** interns work with our team of economists with emphasis on data analysis. Economics interns should be comfortable with mathematics and statistics, and computer coding skills are a plus.

**Development** interns creatively support fundraising activities through a campaign designed to involve innovative social media use, e-mail fundraising, print campaigns, and corporate networking.

**State Policy** interns track major state fiscal issues, research trends, and conduct policy analysis, supporting our efforts to report and comment on current state tax topics.

**Communications** interns contribute to our outreach efforts, strategizing about marketing tools, drafting and revising press releases, and substantively contributing to our podcast and video efforts.

**Graphic Design** interns are expected to produce images and documents for web and print publication, thinking creatively about our marketing efforts. Because this internship is virtual (outside the office), interns can build their graphic design portfolio in a flexible environment.

*"Besides the amount of information I learned, my analytical skills have improved. I have met people with whom I plan to maintain contact."*



*Tax Foundation Summer 2009 Interns*