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Internship Program Overview

The internship program within the Office of Equity provides highly motivated undergraduate or graduate students (including MSW, MPP, MPA, MA, PhD, and law students) an opportunity to advance diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) in State of Illinois government. Office of Equity Interns are recruited from public and private colleges and universities throughout Illinois.

In the program, future DEIA leaders gain hands-on experience in government and obtain tools for public service. Interns are mentored to support DEIA projects in collaboration with the Office of Equity team and will have the chance to develop special DEIA projects and initiatives that leverage their interests and expertise. We are interested in self-directed candidates who thrive in a fast-paced, collaborative work environment.

Internships are part-time and unpaid.

Eligibility:

- Candidates must have source of academic credit and/or funding from their academic institution.
- Candidates must be Illinois residents.
- Candidates must be currently working toward a college/university degree or certification.
- Candidates must demonstrate a commitment to DEIA principles through community/public service involvement, activism, advocacy, academic study, and/or extracurricular activities.

Intern Roles and Responsibilities:

- Assist with planning for the Office's DEIA focused initiatives and programming
- Attend meetings with government leaders, advocates, and other DEIA stakeholders
- Conduct policy and legislative research

Session Dates and Application Deadlines

Session	Session Dates**	Application Deadline (<i>All Students</i>)
Summer 2026	June 1, 2026 – August 31, 2026	April 10, 2026 by midnight
Fall 2026	September 8, 2026 – December 11, 2026	July 31, 2026 by midnight

***Start and end dates are flexible for selected candidates based on university and class schedules*

Application Process

To apply, please submit the following materials to Gov.EquityOffice@illinois.gov:

1. Application (linked on this page), which must be **fully completed and typed**.
2. Cover letter that describes why you are the right candidate for the internship
3. Résumé
4. Writing sample
5. College transcript (official or unofficial)
6. Name, title, and contact information for an academic or professional reference (reference must be a supervisor, professor, or mentor; a letter of recommendation is not required)

Contact: For further information or to request an accommodation in the application process, please email Gov.EquityOffice@illinois.gov and have the subject line read: Office of Equity internship

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name:

Date of Birth:

Permanent Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Which internship are you applying for (Undergraduate or Graduate)?

Areas of Interest and/or Expertise:

Extracurricular Activities:

How did you learn of the internship program?

EDUCATION

High School, City, and State:

Graduation Date:

College:

(Expected) transfer or graduation:

Major/Minor:

GPA:

Graduate/Law School:

(Expected) graduation:

CLASS CREDIT / FUNDING SOURCE

To be eligible to apply, you must be able to earn class credit and/or funding from your institution.

Will class credit be earned through this internship?

If yes, please complete the following:

Professor:

Email:

Course Name:

Total Credits to be Earned:

Will you be receiving an outside or institutional scholarship or stipend for this internship?

If yes, please list your sponsor:

AVAILABILITY

Dates Available: _____ through _____

Hours Available: _____

Monday: _____ to _____
Tuesday: _____ to _____
Wednesday: _____ to _____
Thursday: _____ to _____
Friday: _____ to _____

CERTIFICATION

All information presented on this application are true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that knowingly making false statements will lead to my application's rejection and/or removal from the internship program.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please submit completed application and all supplementary documents directly to:
Gov.EquityOffice@illinois.gov This email address should be used to send your completed application, college transcript (either sent by you or your college/university, writing sample, resume), all attached in one e-mail with the subject line "[Last Name], [First Name] Equity internship Application."