



CONGRESSIONAL Internship Program

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

November 6, 2015 (Spring 2016)

January 22, 2016 (Summer 2016)

April 22, 2016 (Fall 2016)

The CHCI Congressional Internship Program (CIP) exposes young Latinos to the legislative process and strengthens their professional and leadership skills, ultimately increasing the presence of Latinos on Capitol Hill and in federal agencies. The program provides college students with a paid placement in a congressional office for a period of 12 weeks (Spring/Fall) or 8 weeks (Summer). Promising Latino undergraduates from across the country are selected for this unmatched leadership training program. Students gain work experience, participate in a community service project, and receive educational and professional programming provided by CHCI.

WORK EXPERIENCE

After a week-long orientation, interns are assigned to congressional offices where they gain first-hand knowledge of how the U.S. legislative process works. Intern duties may include responding to constituent inquiries, drafting correspondence, monitoring hearings, conducting research, and assisting with general office operations.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Interns attend weekly sessions and meet with distinguished leaders from various professional backgrounds, engage in substantive policy discussions, and participate in professional development training. The sessions create an ideal forum for interns to share and exchange ideas with acclaimed leaders. Activities with other intern groups provide opportunities to learn coalition-building and foster open dialogue on issues of mutual interest.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

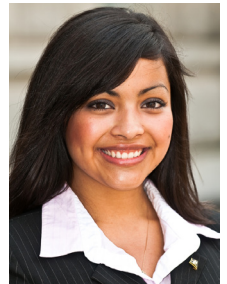
Interns will also be required to engage in a CHCI community service project. This component of the curriculum broadens students' personal experience with civic engagement and allows interns to give back to the community.



As part of orientation week, CHCI interns participate in fun team building exercises that challenge them to work together.



Through the CHCI Summer Internship Program, I learned how to collaborate with people from various backgrounds, an important leadership skill. In addition, the writing, research, and advocacy skills I gained on the Hill prepared me for the work I do now. But it's the relationships I formed during my internship experience that are the most valuable to me, as I gained mentors and lifelong friends who have become integral parts of my professional and personal networks.



MARITZA PEREZ

Former Summer Congressional Intern
Placement: Office of Senator Harry Reid
Currently: U.C. Berkeley School of Law
J.D. Candidate, Class of 2015

To apply, visit www.chci.org



SELECTED PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE:

Congressional Internship Placement

Great Pay

- » \$3,750 stipend - Spring and Fall (12 Weeks)
- » \$2,500 stipend - Summer (8 Weeks)

Benefits

- » Domestic round-trip transportation to Washington, D.C.
- » Housing (All Expenses Covered)
- » Optional health insurance*
- » Leadership Training, Networking and More

*CHCI secures and individuals reimburse CHCI for this service.

Academic Credit

Interns may be eligible to receive academic credit at their college or university for participating in the program. It is not mandatory to obtain academic credit to participate; however, CHCI encourages participants to research this possibility.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- » Students must currently be enrolled full time and working towards their undergraduate degree.
- » High academic achievement (preference of 3.0 GPA or higher)
- » Evidence of leadership skills and potential for leadership growth
- » Demonstrated commitment to public service-oriented activities
- » Superior analytical skills, outstanding oral and written communication skills
- » Applicants must be U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, asylees, or individuals who are lawfully authorized to work full-time without restriction for any U.S. employer and who, at the time of application, possess lawful evidence of employment authorization.
- » Note: Individuals who are seeking consideration under the "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival" (DACA) policy must possess an Employment Authorization Document at the time of application.

SELECTION PROCESS:

- » CHCI processes applications to identify the most qualified candidates. Applications are reviewed by a selection committee composed by Alumni, Board of Directors, and CHCI staff. A selected number of applicants are chosen based on the quality of their application.
- » All individuals are welcome to apply. However, preference is given to individuals with financial need.



CHCI program participants give back to the community and forge bonds during planned volunteer service projects.