



**SUMMER 2016**

# **Government Advocacy Internship Program**

*Application and Information*

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# **Simon Wiesenthal Center Government Advocacy Internship Program**

*Beginning in the summer of 2016, the Simon Wiesenthal Center will implement the first of its kind, local Government Advocacy Internship Program, centered on encouraging and educating the next generation of Jewish youth as to the mechanisms of advocacy via exposure to State and municipal government, politics and advocacy. It will serve twenty-five to fifty college and graduate school-aged students in its first year from the New York and New Jersey regions.*

## **Program Description**

- Interns will have the opportunity to receive **hands-on experience** in the offices of local legislators, governmental agencies and issue-based advocates, to **learn about mechanisms of political movement in a dynamic, intellectually rigorous environment**.
- Interns will participate in **regular workshop sessions** with elected officials, top lobbyists, issue-based advocates, and Jewish communal leaders, to understand the currents of **effective Jewish communal advocacy** through an intergovernmental approach.
- Interns will be **partnered with mentors** who are successful in shaping front-line policy decisions and who are renowned in their fields to gain insight and guidance from an insider perspective.
- Selected participants will be eligible to earn academic credit by enrolling in a seminar and internship course on their college campus.

## **Program Requirements**

- The Simon Wiesenthal Center's Government Advocacy Internship Program will span a period of **eight (8) weeks over each summer**, of which participants are required to participate for a **minimum of six (6)**.
- Participants will be required to commit at least **four days a week** from the hours of **9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.**
- The program will include an **orientation with the Eastern Director** of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, along with **bi-weekly advocacy training workshop dinner sessions**, to be scheduled throughout the span of the internships.

At the successful completion of the program's minimum requirements, participants will be provided a financial stipend.

## **Program Eligibility**

The program is open to any college or graduate level student. Students who wish to be considered should demonstrate an interest in public policy and a commitment to the future of Jewish communal advocacy.

**Applications must be submitted to SWC Eastern Director Michael Cohen at [mcohen@wiesenthal.com](mailto:mcohen@wiesenthal.com) by May 1, 2016.**

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ADVOCACY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM***

**Please type or print clearly:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender:** M F

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Primary Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle Current Status:** Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

**Status Expected Next Fall:** Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate

**Colleges Attended (Please begin with the college you are currently attending):**

Name of College: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Expected / Received \_\_\_\_\_ Current Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Applicants MUST forward a copy of their transcript from the college  
they are currently attending.**



- **Please ask two references, one of which must be a faculty member, to evaluate your ability to serve as an intern in the Simon Wiesenthal Center Government Advocacy Internship Program. Each reference must return the recommendation form to you in a sealed envelope (with the faculty member's signature across the envelope flap). You will submit the sealed recommendations with your application.**
- **Please attach a résumé (please make certain the résumé includes your current e-mail address.)**

All of the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that all materials submitted with this application will not be returned and are for use in connection with my acceptance and placement in the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Government Advocacy Internship Program. I have answered all questions as directed and enclosed all of the required supporting documents. I will notify the Program immediately if I withdraw my application for any reason.

**Application checklist:**

\_\_\_ Transcript

\_\_\_ Completed application (three pages)

\_\_\_ Narrative (no longer than 1000 words)

\_\_\_ Two Confidential Recommendation from Faculty members (in sealed envelopes)

\_\_\_ Résumé

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_