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Department of Civil Service Announces Availability of 500 New State Government Internships to Expose Next Generation of Leaders to Public Service Careers

Students Must Apply Before September 12, 2017 Fall Application Deadline

The New York State Department of Civil Service today announced the availability of more than 500 new student internships for the upcoming Fall Semester throughout New York State government and encouraged students to apply prior to the September 12, 2017 application deadline. Student internships are available across a wide array of State agencies – both upstate and downstate – and include opportunities in finance, environmental conservation, criminal justice, health care, engineering, and a host of other professional disciplines.

New York State's one-stop website – <u>nysinternships.cs.ny.gov</u> – allows applicants to view job descriptions, create profiles, specify occupational interests, and upload resumes, writing samples, and letters of recommendation. Students can apply for multiple internships at the same time. A current list of available internships for the Fall 2017 Session is available at:

https://nysinternships.cs.ny.gov/nnyl/main/viewinternships.cfm.

"Through Governor Cuomo's Student Intern Program, New York State continues to cultivate the next generation of leaders and prepare them for future public service opportunities by providing them with valuable skills and marketable work experience that will assist them as they begin their professional careers," said Lola W. Brabham, Acting Commissioner of the New York State Department of Civil Service.

"An applied learning opportunity brings a student's higher education full circle- as it makes the connection of an academic curriculum to real life work experience," said **SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher**. "For those students interested in a public service career, the Governor's Student Intern Program is providing internship possibilities to learn more."

The Student Intern Program is administered by the Department of Civil Service and is one component of Governor Cuomo's *New* New York Leaders Initiative, which focuses on attracting new and highly-skilled individuals to the State workforce through both internship and fellowship programs. Through this program, students are exposed to the work of governing, while gaining valuable hands-on experience to the increasingly complex policy challenges facing New York State.

Student internships are available to undergraduate and graduate students at colleges and universities throughout New York State, as well as New York residents enrolled elsewhere. Each intern works in a particular area within an Executive Branch agency or department. While providing hands-on program assistance, interns will interact with government leaders and policy-makers.

Opportunities include paid and unpaid positions, and internships may provide academic credit depending on the policy of the intern's educational institution.

Three internship sessions are offered each year: Spring, Summer, and Fall.

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