



Defense Innovation Unit
Volunteer, Part-Time Student Internships - Spring 2023
Applications Due October 28, 2022

Description

The Defense Innovation Unit (DIU) has up to four unpaid, part-time fall Volunteer Student Intern positions with the Policy Planning team. The internship provides invaluable experience as fully integrated members of the DIU team, assisting with research and writing in support of the Department of Defense-wide policy and strategy on accelerating commercial innovation. The internship will be virtual with the potential to work on-site at one of our offices. The intern training will include a full-day DIU Orientation by key members of the DIU organization. Additional on-the-job training on research and analysis; writing memorandum, reports, and white papers; and personalized feedback on assignments will be provided. The intern will conduct a research project related to one of the areas of interest (see below) to complete over the duration of their internship that will be presented to DIU staff at the end of their internship. At the end of the internship, DIU will review intern performance with the option of extending the duration of the internship to the summer (June-August 2023).

Dates of the Internship

Part-time (10-20 hours per week), January-May 2023

Areas of Interest

- Defense Acquisition and Contracting Policy
- U.S. Industrial Policy for Emerging, Dual-Use Technologies
- Chinese and Russian Adoption of Emerging, Dual-Use Technologies
- International Innovation Clusters of Emerging, Dual-Use Technologies
- Allied and Partner Technological Edge

Desired Skills

- Pursuing a BA or MA in political science, public policy, international affairs, and/or comparable experience
- Familiarity or interest in science and technology policy, innovation, defense policy, defense acquisition, entrepreneurship, venture capital, and/or commercial technology
- Preferably a college junior or senior or graduate student
- Must have at least a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) from an accredited U.S. institution or equivalent from a non-U.S. institution
- Excellent writing and research skills (writing sample is preferred as part of the application)
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Working knowledge of computer applications such as G Suite and Microsoft Office Suite
- Demonstrated ability to be a self-starter and manage in a fast-paced environment
- Demonstrated organizational skills
- Chinese or Russian language skills (specifically for Chinese and Russian Adoption of Emerging, Dual-Use Technologies)

Eligibility Requirements

- Participants must be at least 18 years of age at the time of appointment
- Participants must be enrolled, at least half-time, and attending in the current semester an accredited junior or community college, a four-year college or university, or any other accredited educational institution (scheduled school breaks included)
- Participants admitted to the program are required to obtain and maintain at least a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Participants must be U.S. Citizens and able to successfully complete a security investigation (picture ID, proof of citizenship and ID with SSN will be required)
- Participants must be available to serve a minimum term of ten (10) weeks.
- Participants must provide current & updated proof of enrollment each semester he/she remains in the program. Failure to provide requested eligibility documentation may result in your removal from the program.

Required Materials

- Current resume
- Personal cover letter indicating the specific area(s) of interest and the specific dates and hours you are available to complete the internship
- Personal Statement (200 words) on “What is the greatest challenge to the United States maintaining technological superiority in dual-use technologies in the 21st century?”
- Writing Sample (5-10 pages)
- Official transcript that shows current enrollment and GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale

To apply for this position, please review the eligibility requirements and submit the list of required documents by **October 28, 2022** to Katherine Koleski, Director of Global Partnerships, at kkoleski@diu.mil.