

Funding Rules and Requirements
Internships and Coops for Academic Credit
School of Public & International Affairs
University of Cincinnati

Students who have been accepted to a public policy internship are eligible to apply for a financial stipend from the University of Cincinnati through the School of Public and International Affairs. The eligibility requirements include:

- The student should be completing an internship or a co-op experience related to public policy, citizenship, or politics that includes 150 or more hours of work. Preference will be given to those who are enrolled in POL 4090, INT 3001, or COOP course.
- The student should have accumulated at least 18 credits in their major prior to the semester during which they will be doing their internship.
- The stipend will be disbursed pending successful completion of the internship or co-op experience, as well as an exit survey.
- The student should have an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- To earn academic credit, the student should register for POL 4090, INT 3001, COOP course, or similar courses through which they can earn credit toward their EL requirement.

The standard stipend is in the amount of \$1,500 for academic year 2021-2022. Students can also apply for additional \$1,000 housing stipend if they complete a residential co-op or internship outside of Greater Cincinnati.

To apply for a stipend, students should complete an [online application](#) after acceptance of their internship/co-op position. The application asks for the following information

- Name, major, number of credit hours completed at the time of application (including current semester registration), and overall GPA.
- The internship position which they have been accepted and a brief description of their duties (150 words).
- A PDF or Screenshot confirming their acceptance of this position.
- Confirmation that the student plans to complete at least 150 hours of work related to the internship. If uncertain, the student needs to confirm that they will work with their internship coordinator to make sure that the 150-hour requirement is fulfilled.
- A brief (less than 200-word) statement how their internship or co-op experience meets the public service expectations for this stipend.

Deadlines, Preferences, and Rules: Applications will be considered on a rolling deadline, evaluated in the order in which they are received. Preference will be given to students who are requesting funding for the first time and are completing their Experiential Learning requirement. Students may apply multiple times, but they may only receive funding once per academic year. Questions should be directed toward the Department's Internship Coordinator, Dr. Ivan Ivanov (ivanoid@ucmail.uc.edu).