

An Invitation to Consider

THE HARRISBURG INTERNSHIP SEMESTER

Your academic record reflects a substantial record of achievement in your undergraduate work at Bloomsburg University. Given that record, you may be interested in a special opportunity to expand your experience, taking your strengths into the new and interesting forum of an internship in the offices of Pennsylvania state government.

Bloomsburg University is now seeking applicants for the Fall 2009 Harrisburg Internship Semester. If you have an interest in any aspect of state government and can make a semester in Harrisburg part of your academic program, we encourage you to compete for this opportunity. We also encourage you to talk with your faculty advisor and/or department chair about this internship and its potential contribution to your academic program.

General information on The Harrisburg Internship Semester and an application form, with instructions on materials to be included in your application packet, are enclosed with this letter.

For further information, please contact

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, 27 February, 2009

What Is THIS Program?

During each semester of the academic year, the State System of Higher Education sponsors a student internship program for one outstanding student from each of the 14 State System universities. These student interns are placed with policy makers in both the executive and legislative branches of state government, as well as with independent boards, agencies, and commissions. This program provides these students with unique opportunities to directly apply skills developed in their respective major area of study and to forge many important professional contacts. This program is called The Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS).

Each intern earns a total of 15 credit hours: nine credit hours for the internship experience, three credit hours for the completion of individualized directed project, and three hours for participating in an academic seminar. Housing and food service also are available through the program. **A stipend is provided to cover tuition and fees, room and board, and transportation.**

Each applicant must have maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average in a minimum of 45 undergraduate credit hours at the time of application for placement during the junior or senior year. **THIS welcomes students with any academic major.** Every effort is made to tailor the student's internship placement to the academic major.

Applications for the fall 2009 and spring 2010 semesters are now being accepted. The application **deadline for the fall 2009 program is Friday, February 27, 2009.** If you are interested in applying for this internship opportunity or if you have any question, **please contact Dr. Sheng Ding, Faculty T.H.I.S. Coordinator [Office: 215 BCH, e-mail: sding@bloomu.edu]**

THIS application packets can also be picked up in the Office of Academic Internships and Community Outreach, Student Service Center 144.

It is truly an honor to be selected as Bloomsburg University's THIS intern and we hope that you will consider applying to augment your academic record. THIS is a great opportunity!

More information can also be obtained by viewing the relevant THIS web site at <http://www.passhe.edu/executive/academic/this/Pages/default.aspx>

Application Checklist

1. Completed application form.
2. Application letter (1-2 pages) that explains your interest in applying for THIS, any background that you feel is relevant as preparation, career objectives, and what you hope to gain from the THIS experience.
3. A writing sample from any previous coursework (no more than 5 pages).
4. Current transcript (can be official or unofficial)
5. Resume (1-2 pages)
6. Two letters of recommendation at least one of which from a faculty sponsor. The letters should include the writer's opinion of your ability in the major field of study, in interpersonal and written communication, to complete projects, and to adjust to new surroundings and situations. Your maturity, judgment and sense of responsibility may also be addressed.

Completed application packets should be returned to (deadline February 27, 2009):

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