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USAID Internship For Graduate Students 2026

Description

Join a mission-driven agency and make a global impact! The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) offers diverse internship opportunities for graduate students across various program areas and regions. Gain valuable hands-on experience, contribute to real-world development projects, and explore careers in international development, diplomacy, and global affairs.

Responsibilities

- Conducting research and analyzing data related to development challenges (e.g., poverty, food security, climate change)
- Assisting with program design, implementation, and monitoring & evaluation
- Developing communication materials and reports for stakeholders
- Supporting partner engagement and outreach activities
- Contributing to policy analysis and recommendations
- Participating in field visits and interacting with local communities (in some cases)

Qualifications

- Enrolled in an accredited graduate program in a relevant field (e.g., international relations, public policy, economics, global health, agriculture)
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 (exceptions may be considered)
- Strong communication, interpersonal, and problem-solving skills
- Ability to work independently and as part of a diverse team
- Demonstrated interest in international development and USAID's mission
- Commitment to cultural sensitivity and understanding different perspectives

Experience

- Previous internship or research experience in international development preferred (not required)
- Proficiency in relevant software and data analysis tools (e.g., R, STATA) a plus
- Experience with foreign languages relevant to the internship placement is beneficial
- Prior travel experience, especially to developing countries, is valued

Skills

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, both in English and potentially other languages
- Strong analytical and research skills
- Ability to manage time effectively and meet deadlines
- Adaptability and willingness to learn new things in a fast-paced environment
- Cultural sensitivity and awareness of global issues

Hiring organization
USAID

Employment Type
Intern

Duration of employment
6 Months

Industry
International Affairs

Job Location
Washington, D.C., United States,
20001, Washington, D.C., United States

Working Hours
8

Base Salary
10

Date posted
January 26, 2026

Valid through
24.02.2027

- Proficient in using technology and applications (e.g., Microsoft Office Suite, communication platforms)

Job Benefits

- Gain valuable hands-on experience and contribute to meaningful development projects
- Learn from experienced professionals and gain mentorship
- Network with potential employers and build your professional network in the international development field
- Enhance your resume and prepare for future career opportunities with USAID or other organizations
- Competitive stipend may be available for some internships (dependent on funding)

How To Apply

- Use the filters to narrow down your search by location, program area, and keywords
- Review the specific internship descriptions and application requirements carefully
- Submit your resume, cover letter, and transcripts online through the USAJOBS system