Press Releases: Deadline Extended to August 2 for Submission of Virtual Student Foreign Service eInternship Applications

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The student application period for the <u>Virtual Student Foreign Service (VSFS)</u> has been extended. Applications for the 2017-2018 VSFS program are now open between July 2 and August 2 on <u>USAJOBS.gov</u>. Meaningful work is waiting for U.S. college students across the federal government, including NASA, the Smithsonian, State Department, CIA, National Parks Service, and others. You can see the projects offered at http://vsfs.state.gov/ by clicking on "See All Projects" at the top. Students must follow the instructions on USAJOBS to apply.

VSFS is the largest virtual internship program in the world. Managed by the U.S. Department of State, VSFS offers all federal agencies the opportunity to host remote interns. This year there are more than 1,000 vacancies with more than 30 federal agencies. VSFS offers unique mentoring and exposure to job opportunities within the United States, all without having to travel and physically report to an office.

Students play an important role in moving the government forward. There is something for everyone: graphic design, research, mapping, videography, history, analysis, marketing, community management, writing, calculation, policy planning, app development, and more. eInterns spend 10 hours a week from September through May working remotely on their projects. This is unpaid, volunteer work, but eInterns gain a lot — they make a difference in government work, gain valuable experience and connections, and sometimes get course credit. VSFS is open to U.S.-citizen undergraduates through PhD degree candidates taking classes full or part-time, in-person or on-line, at a university anywhere in the world.

Learn more at our <u>website</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>LinkedIn</u>, and <u>Twitter</u>. Have questions? Post them on our VSFS <u>forum</u>. Also, sign up to receive notifications about VSFS and other internship opportunities under <u>Keep Me</u>

<u>Informed</u>, and check in with your regional <u>Diplomat in Residence</u> at your university.

For specific questions about the VSFS Program, please tweet us @VSFSatState (https://twitter.com/vsfsatstate) or visit vsfs.state.gov.

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