Press Releases: U.S. Citizen College Students Can Apply July 1-31, 2018 for Virtual Student Federal Service eInternships

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The Virtual Student Federal Service (VSFS) is the largest virtual internship program in the world. We have even recently changed our name from "Foreign" Service to "Federal" Service to reflect the 50 U.S. agencies now participating. This year there are more than 1,500 eInternship opportunities available. VSFS offers unique mentoring and exposure to professional experiences within and furthering the missions of the U.S. Government.

Applications for the 2018-19 VSFS program are open between July 1 and 31. Students create accounts on <u>USAJOBS.gov</u> and search for the VSFS vacancy announcement. Real work is waiting for U.S. college students across the federal government, including NASA, Smithsonian, State Department, CIA, National Park Service, and many others. You can see the projects offered at http://vsfs.state.gov/ by clicking on "See All Projects" at the top of the site. The VSFS application process includes building a resume, writing a statement of interest, and uploading a transcript.

VSFS students play an important role in moving the government forward. There's something for everyone: graphic design, research, mapping, videography, history, analysis, marketing, community management, writing, calculation, policy planning, app development, and more.

E-Interns spend ten hours a week on VSFS projects from September through May. This is unpaid, volunteer work, but eInterns make connections that make a difference, gain valuable experience, and sometimes get course credit from their schools. All applicants must be U.S. citizens in student status at a university in the U.S. or abroad. VSFS is open to undergrad through PhD candidates taking classes full or part-time, in-person or on-line.

Learn more at our <u>website</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>LinkedIn</u>, and <u>Twitter</u>. Have questions? Get answers. Post them on our VSFS, <u>forum</u>, sign up to receive

notifications about VSFS and other internship opportunities under <u>Keep Me Informed</u>, and check in with your regional <u>Diplomat in Residence</u>.

For specific questions about the VSFS Program, send an e-mail to: VSFS@state.gov.

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