## <u>Press Releases: U.S. Citizen College</u> <u>Students Can Apply July 2 – 26, 2017</u> <u>for Virtual Student Foreign Service</u> <u>eInternships</u>

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The Virtual Student Foreign Service (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.

Applications for the 2017-18 VSFS program are open between **July 2 and 26**, on <u>USAJOBS.gov</u>. Meaningful work is waiting for U.S. college students across the Federal Government, including NASA, Smithsonian, State Department, CIA, National Parks Service, and others. You can see the projects offered at <u>http://vsfs.state.gov/</u> by clicking on "See All Projects" at the top. Students must follow the instructions on USAJOBS to apply.

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 ten hours a week from September through May working remotely on their projects. This is unpaid, volunteer work, but eInterns make connections that make a difference, gain valuable experience, and sometimes get course credit. VSFS is open to U.S.-citizen undergrad 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 (<u>https://twitter.com/vsfsatstate</u>) or visit <u>vsfs.state.gov</u>.

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