Internships

Anchorage School District

The Anchorage School District offers students studying Russian at the University of Washington the opportunity to teach Russian to the participants in their Russian Immersion Program via video call. UW students spend 1-2 hours per week with the participants, and read stories, sing, perform poetry, dance traditional Russian dances, demonstrate how to make traditional Russian foods, and share other aspects of Russian culture, all in Russian. UW students interested in participating in the program should email David Blynov at davidbly@uw.edu.

Polish Home Internships

The Polish Home Association offers internships to UW students. They entail working for the Association and its Board, for the Polish Home Foundation, or for other affiliated organizations (such as the Seattle-Gdynia Sister City Association, or the UW Polish Studies Endowment Committee). Duties might include administrative and fundraising activities or other projects. Two current proposals involve archiving and digitizing documents and photographs relating to the history of the PHA (since 1919) and the Seattle-Gdynia Sister City Association's Seattle Polish Film Festival (since 1992).

The internship also has an academic component. Students are expected to write a paper on a mutually agreed on topic, for example, the history of Polish immigration to the U.S., the history of Polish-Americans in Seattle, history of the Polish Hall, Polish film, a specific film director, etc. The academic project should relate to the internship and the student’s interests. The paper must be a minimum of 5 pages for 1 to 2-credit internships, 7-10 pages for 3-4 credits, and 12-15 pages for 5-6 credits. It must include a bibliography with at least three academic sources.

Students get academic credit for the internship via SLAVIC 499 (Independent Study), the number of credits being dependent on the amount of work they are expected to perform. For example, to receive 5 credits, students should complete approximately 15 hours a week at their internship.

The PHA president will direct and oversee the student’s work. Prof. Katarzyna Dziwirek is the UW faculty contact, responsible for monitoring the progress of the academic part of the project and assigning a grade.

U.S. Department of State Student Internship Program

This unpaid internship offers undergraduate and graduate students who are U.S. citizens an opportunity to work closely with representatives of the U.S. Department of State’s Foreign and Civil Services, and to participate in the formulation and implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Internship locations vary, and include opportunities in Washington D.C., other U.S. cities, and abroad. For more information and to apply, see the U.S. Department of Student Student Internship Program webpage.
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