The Diana Chudacoff Levin Internship Award provides support to outstanding students who would like to explore the real world of politics through an internship experience. Students who demonstrate a serious interest in the political process and whose aspirations include future civic engagement are most likely to be successful in the highly competitive selection process. Interns may take positions in political and governmental offices in the Los Angeles area, Sacramento, Washington D.C., and other locations in the United States.

Those selected will enroll in POSC 395: Directed Governmental and Political Leadership Internship, and must fulfill the course requirements. Award winners will receive a generous stipend and 2 units of tuition credit to be applied to POSC 395. After the summer internship, interns will submit a written report related to their experience, highlighting what they learned about politics. (Note: The receipt of a scholarship may affect financial aid amounts. Contact the Financial Aid Office for specific information.)

Eligibility:

The program is open to undergraduate students of all majors currently pursuing degrees at USC with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Applicants must not be graduating before the end of the 2011 Summer Semester. Interns must work with an organization directly related to the political process. Internships must be unpaid and students must work a minimum of 25 hours per week.

While it is not required to have an internship confirmed when submitting an application for the Levin Awards, students must have applied to a number of possible internships and have a strong area of interest or specific placement in mind.

As this is a competitive award, in addition to exemplary academic work, candidates should have a demonstrated interest in politics, government or public service, as shown through means such as:

- attending and/or organizing political events (esp. on-campus)
- prior political volunteerism
- political internships
- politically-related student activities
- attendance and/or participation in Unruh Institute events

Application instructions:

Please complete the attached application, and include an unofficial transcript (downloadable by printing your “Completed Course Summary” at www.usc.edu/oasis), a complete resume, a writing sample (e.g., a class term paper), and a 250-500-word essay explaining why you would like to participate in this program. Also, please submit two letters of recommendation. The application deadline is April 4, 2011.

Please turn in all application materials to:
The Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics
RE: Levin Internship Award
University of Southern California, VKC 263
Los Angeles, CA 90089-0045
(213) 740-8964 phone
Email: unruhins@usc.edu
www.usc.edu/unruh

Finalists for the Diana Chudacoff Levin Internship Awards will be invited to have an interview with the selection committee.

Please direct any questions regarding the Diana Chudacoff Levin Internship Awards or the selection process to Bret VandenBos, Unruh Institute Internship Associate at bwvanden@usc.edu or 213-740-8964.
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Summer Political Internship Award 2011

Please type or print clearly.

Name: ____________________________ Student ID #: ____________________________

Major: ____________________________ Minor: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________ Email: ____________________________

Year: □ Frosh □ Junior □ Soph □ Senior (Applicants must not be graduating before the end of the summer semester.)

Are you taking other 2011 summer classes? □ Yes □ No If yes, how many units? __________

Do you already have an internship confirmed? □ Yes □ No

If yes, where? ______________________________________________________________________________

If no, what specific internships have you already applied for?
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

What areas of politics are of particular interest to you?
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

Where will you be interning? □ LA-area □ Sacramento □ Washington, D.C. □ Other __________

Please list the names and affiliations of the two people you have asked to write letters of recommendation:

1. ______________________________________ __________________________________________
2. ______________________________________ __________________________________________

Please list all previous political activity and/or involvement:
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

Please list all Unruh Institute events attended:
____________________________________________________________________________
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Please confirm that you have attached all required materials. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
□ Application □ Transcript □ Resume □ Writing sample □ Essay □ Letters of Recommendation