The USF Tallahassee Internship Program (TIP) offers undergraduate students the opportunity to work in the state capital in Tallahassee during Florida’s 60-day legislative session.

Each student is paired with an elected official or organization actively involved in Florida’s economic development, growth management, transportation, environmental protection, education, health and social welfare. A USF liaison and faculty members maintain regular contact with the student and official to ensure each party’s goals are being met.

Up to ten undergraduate juniors or seniors with a minimum GPA of 3.0 will be selected to participate. All majors and disciplines are welcome.

Each student will spend 5 days each week in the official’s office to earn 6 credits (POL 4942/IDS 4942). The academic foundation for the internship will be provided by a 3-credit Tallahassee seminar (IDS 4910) that will meet in the Capitol at a time specified, and a 3-credit compressed course (POL 4910) offered on the Tampa Campus during the seven weeks prior to the legislative session. Students who complete the program will earn a total of 12 credits.

Students will be responsible for tuition and fees, transportation to the state capital and all expenses they incur during the program. A $3,500 scholarship awarded by the College of Arts & Sciences will help defray expenses during the program.

Submit one copy to Angela Crist (SOC 007), acrist@usf.edu) no later than November 18th and include:

1. Your transcript (it can be unofficial but must be a transcript, not SASS)
2. A résumé (be sure to list special skills; e.g., language, computer, etc.)
3. A 300-word essay explaining why you are interested in the public policy process, what you hope to learn from the internship and what experiences and skills you bring to it.

Please be available for in-person or Skype interviews.

Learn more at spa.usf.edu/tip