Urban Leaders Fellowship

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Best candidates: Early- to mid-career professionals, who are available full time for seven weeks in the summer. Candidates must have a college degree. The fellowship is a good fit for graduate students studying law, public policy, public health, education, medicine, urban planning, social work, etc.

Program description: The Urban Leaders Fellowship is a paid summer fellowship for early- to mid-career professionals who are already leaders in their own right and who are looking to accelerate their leadership through a seven-week fellowship with a focus on policy and practice. In ten premier cities across the country, fellows work in partnership with other ambitious, mission-driven individuals, organizations and elected officials with the aim to bring about real and lasting change in the community in which they work.

Empowering underserved communities requires feet planted in both policy and practice. To that end, fellows work half-time on high-level, critical policy projects with an elected official and half-time working with an innovative partner organization, including non-profits to tech-enabled startups, committed to social justice and community impact.

Hire KC

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Best candidates: high school juniors/seniors and college students

Program description: Hire KC, powered by KCSIC, is the largest provider of paid summer internships in the Kansas City region. It's mission-driven to support opportunity and equity, and illuminate career pathways so that all youth can learn and grow into promising futures. Hire KC connects young people to out-of-school work-based opportunities, and in-school real-world learning projects and experiences that accelerate work-readiness, and better prepare youth for the jobs of tomorrow.

The KC Social Innovation Center (KCSIC) is an equity-centered nonprofit impact agency — built with students and for students — with a mission to create social impact and economic opportunity through real-world experiences. KCSIC manages a portfolio of programs, projects and pilots that create a network of technology, community, investment, education and business sectors to work directly with youth, and come together to solve Kansas City’s biggest problems and help transform communities. For more information, visit KCSIC.org.

Olathe Management Fellowship

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Best candidates: Master’s degree students/graduates specifically interested in local government.

Program description: The Olathe Management Fellowship 12-month program provides an opportunity to experience all facets of local government. The Fellow will be highly visible and have the opportunity to have a direct impact on the organization. Typical assignments/projects will involve public relations, civic education programs, internal/external committees, the operating and capital budget, legislative activities and a good balance of administrative and operational responsibilities.

The Fellow will experience high level discussions through attending executive team meetings and retreats. The Fellow will gain exposure to innovative best practices in our award-winning organization, through departmental rotations. The Fellow would begin in the city manager's office, then an operational department, and then round out the experience in the city's budget office. This type of rotational experience gives our interns a good overall experience of local government, and the challenges and opportunities that can be gained by various projects and experiences. The Fellowship will also include many opportunities for professional development.

University of Kansas Washington, D.C., intern program

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Best Candidates: Students at KU, WSU or other Kansas universities. Sophomores through seniors. Able to devote spring semester to living in D.C.

Program Description: This program, created in 1984, has sent more than 700 students to D.C. They have participated in a wide variety of internships, on and off capitol hill. Although political science majors represent the largest group, the program eagerly seeks students with a wide array of majors and emphases. The program is both part of a broad liberal arts education and an avenue to jobs and careers for many students.