Program Overview
The Summer in Washington, D.C., Program immerses Gaylord College students into the culture of government and politics in the Nation’s capitol. Students are exposed to campaign, governance and interest group politics through periodic gatherings, featuring political practitioners and national political journalists. They will receive practical experience in, and exposure to national politics as interns through various Washington offices.

Program Dates
Summer 2012 program begins on Tuesday, May 29, 2012, and ends on Friday, August 3, 2012. The periodic gatherings and mentoring activities occur during the months of June and July. Students should plan to continue in their internship through August 3, allowing ten (10) weeks of experience (May 29th – August 3rd.)

Application
Students are required to submit an official program application by no later than Thursday, March 1, 2012. Each application will have: 1.) a confirmed internship assignment, 2.), statement of interest, 3.) current résumé and 4.) transcript. Beginning December 1st, application packets may be found on the Gaylord College website under “Student Opportunities, OU Summer in Washington Program.” Application packets will also be available in the Gaylord College Student Services Center, on the second floor of Gaylord Hall beginning November 1st.

College Credit
Students may also be eligible to register for internship credit for their experience if eligible. See your academic adviser for information and eligibility for the internship-for-credit option.

Cost
Students will be responsible for their University of Oklahoma tuition and fee charges, as well as housing, transportation to, from and during their stay in Washington, all meals, and other personal and miscellaneous expenses that will be incurred. On average, students should expect to spend approximately $5,000 for living, transportation, food, and miscellaneous expenses while in Washington, D.C.

Scholarships
There will be a limited number of scholarships available for this program. Your program application will also serve as your scholarship application. Scholarship notification and program acceptance will occur simultaneously. Historically, scholarship amounts have been $3,000, though there is no guarantee of an award or amount.

Internship Placement
It is the student’s responsibility to secure their internship. Gaylord College staff and faculty are available to support students with resources and suggestions for internship opportunities. Internships should be locked in no later than March 1st. Please note that premiere summer internships in the Washington, D.C. area are typically filled by February 15th and generally last a minimum of ten (10) weeks.

Housing
Gaylord College will provide resources and leads to students in their search for housing in the Washington, D.C., area. Students are ultimately responsible for securing their place of residence while in the Washington, D.C., area, including payment (which can be expensive given the DC market). Efforts will be made to direct students toward dormitory housing at area colleges and universities. Gaylord College recommends to our students they stay in dormitory housing at the George Washington University (Foggy Bottom area). The website for this housing option is: www.summerhousing.gwu.edu Recommendation is based on past student feedback, proximity to the DC Metro, affordability, and the relative safe nature of the neighborhood. 2011 participants were able to move into GWU housing as early as May 27th with a move out date no later than August 4th. Students should plan for a similar schedule for the 2012 program.

Questions
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