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COLLEGE STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the U.S. Postal Inspection Service College Student Internship Program?

The United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) has developed working relationships with various academic institutions nationwide. These relationships provide college students with an opportunity to apply and relate their classroom experience to various aspects of the criminal justice system through hands-on experience. Internships with USPIS provide opportunities for students to be exposed to the working of a premier Federal law enforcement agency. College Student Internship Program (CSIP) opportunities are offered in partnership with accredited colleges and universities which support internships as part of their degree programs.

What are the benefits of participating in the U.S. Postal Inspection Service College Student Internship Program?

There are several benefits for college students to participate in USPIS' College Student Internship Program. Benefits include:

- ◆ Meaningful and realistic learning experiences and a competitive edge in today's job market.
- ◆ Assistance in making future career decisions.
- ◆ Enhancing the development of professional and interpersonal skills.
- ◆ Course credits for learning experience gained in the workplace.

What are the minimum eligibility requirements to apply for the U.S. Postal Inspection Service College Student Internship Program?

- ◆ Postal Service and Inspection Service employees **are not** eligible for an internship position with USPIS.
- ◆ Be a U.S. Citizen and provide photocopies of the following: a current valid driver's license or other photographic government-issued identification, and a birth certificate or passport.
- ◆ Must at a minimum achieved standing as a junior at the college or university prior to submitting the internship application.
- ◆ Have declared a major in a field which corresponds to the needs of USPIS.
- ◆ College or university must agree to participate in the Program and award academic or other credit for the successful completion of a CSIP internship.
- ◆ Submission of a letter/educational institution agreement from the college or university acknowledging the student is in good academic standing.
- ◆ Submission of a completed CSIP application packet.
- ◆ Pass a background security investigation and drug screen.



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What competencies will be evaluated for selection into the U.S. Postal Inspection Service College Student Internship Program?

- ◆ Professionalism
- ◆ Collaboration and Teamwork
- ◆ Communication
- ◆ Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- ◆ Change Readiness
- ◆ Growth Orientation

When are U.S. Postal Inspection Service College Student Internship Program opportunities advertised?

CSIP opportunities will be advertised based upon the requirements of the participating educational institution's internship program administration and the needs of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

Where are U.S. Postal Inspection Service College Student Internship Program opportunities advertised?

CSIP internship announcements may be advertised in campus newsletters, social media, e.g. Handshake, and college/university websites and/or through local communities.

Will I be paid during the U.S. Postal Inspection Service College Student Internship Program?

No, CSIP internships are voluntary and unpaid. CSIP is an opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge and a meaningful law enforcement learning experience while earning college credits.

What is the duration of a U.S. Postal Inspection Service College Student Internship Program?

The length of the internship term is dependent upon the requirements of the participating educational institution and the needs of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

What hours will I be expected to work during the U.S. Postal Inspection Service College Student Internship Program?

Work schedules will be determined by the assigned Inspection Service office, the student and the educational institution. As the work involved with law enforcement agencies varies from day-to-day, interns can be expected to devote a minimum of 16 hours each week.

How many course credits will I receive to complete the U.S. Postal Inspection Service College Student Internship Program?

The educational institution determines the number of course credits it will give to an intern participating in the CSIP program.



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What does the U.S. Postal Inspection Service College Student Internship Program selection process consist of?

- ◆ Completion of the College Student Internship Program Application Packet
- ◆ In-person Interview
- ◆ Drug Screening
- ◆ Background Investigation
- ◆ Internship Offer

Who is my point of contact during the U.S. Postal Inspection Service College Student Internship Program application process?

Each field Division/National Headquarters' group has a CSIP Coordinator. Please contact USPISInternship@uspis.gov for the name of the CSIP point of contact covering your area.

How long does the U.S. Postal Inspection Service College Student Internship Program selection process take?

The length of the selection process is in part dependent on the required background investigation. Things such as foreign travel, living abroad, etc. can affect the length of the background investigation. Please contact the CSIP Coordinator in your area for further information.

What kind of work will I be doing during the U.S. Postal Inspection Service College Student Internship Program?

It is expected through observing and participating in the operation of USPIS, the intern will acquire insights into the relationship between criminal justice theory as evolved in the academic setting and the applications of those theories in the community served by USPIS. Such opportunities are of significant value as it provides the challenges and fulfillment a student needs for their personal growth, which could result in a positive and beneficial impact on their future life and career goals. Assignments during the CSIP internship are wide-ranging and include different aspects of the law enforcement process.

If I have taken or sold illegal drugs can I qualify for the U.S. Postal Inspection Service College Student Internship Program?

The possession, use, or sale of drugs deemed illegal under Federal law by any intern is incompatible with USPIS's law enforcement mission and disqualifies individuals from participation in the Program. Interns are required to be drug free as a condition of their internship.

Will I be drug tested during the U.S. Postal Inspection Service College Student Internship Program?

Yes. Drug screening is one of the prerequisites for acceptance into the Program.



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I am a citizen of another country. Can I still apply for the U.S. Postal Inspection Service College Student Internship Program?

You must be a United States citizen to apply. Applicants who hold dual citizenship may be considered for USPIS internship positions provided they have resided in the United States the past five years.

Does the U.S. Postal Inspection Service provide housing or travel reimbursement?

No, USPIS does not pay for or provide housing or reimburse the intern for any travel costs. This includes commuting to the domicile where the intern will work. There are no overnight travel expectations in conjunction with the CSIP internship.

Will I be offered a full-time position when I complete the U.S. Postal Inspection Service College Student Internship Program?

The CSIP internship does not lead to a career appointment. Interns are eligible to apply for any USPIS open position which is posted externally, however no job offer is guaranteed.

Where can I get more information on the U.S. Postal Inspection Service College Student Internship Program?

If a student is seeking more information regarding the USPIS' CSIP, they should visit our website at [USPIS.gov](https://www.uspis.gov). Once the website opens, the following path should be followed: click on 'About' then 'Careers', scroll to 'Postal Inspectors' and click on 'Learn More', scroll down to questions then click on the drop down, "How do I become a Postal Inspector intern?". A student may also send any questions about the CSIP via an email to USPISInternship@uspis.gov.