

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

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**Paid Internship Opportunity - External Affairs and Policy Directorate**

**Duration of Internship: September 5, 2016 - April 3, 2017**

**Compensation: Stipend**

The District of Columbia **Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency** (HSEMA) manages and coordinates the District's unified prevention, protection, response, mitigation, and recovery efforts for all disasters, whether natural or man-made, that occur in the District of Columbia. This session will have a unique focus on the coordinated planning and operational support required for the 2017 Presidential Inauguration. As an Inaugural intern you will work closely with your supervisor to actively participate and support this National Special Security Event (NSSE) activation.

HSEMA is looking for highly-skilled **graduate** students, that are interested in homeland security and emergency management related matters and how these practices protect life and property. In particular, HSEMA is looking for students interested in or majoring in the following fields:

- Emergency Management/Homeland Security
- Law/Political Science
- Public Administration/Policy
- Public Communication/Relations

As an intern you will have the opportunity to work for a dynamic agency that is nationally-recognized as a leader in homeland security and emergency management practices.

**Position With:** External Affairs and Policy Directorate

**Description of Opportunity**

The **External Affairs and Policy Directorate** supports community preparedness through public education, media campaigns, training seminars, preparedness orientations, and community planning meetings; developed agency policies and procedures, and assists the Executive Office of the Mayor in the coordination of crisis communications during incidents. Successful candidates will be expected to work in the following capacities: Assist the External Affairs and Policy Directorate (EAP) with creating messaging for HSEMA that can be distributed in person by the Agency's Community Outreach Team and via social media; work with HSEMA's Community Outreach Team to plan and coordinate two to three different outreach events with District constituents; Assist the EAP Assistant Director with research on emergency preparedness best practices, policies, and, as necessary, upcoming legislative issues; Assist HSEMA with updating the Agency website and developing additional emergency preparedness products for online distribution; assist with administrative tasks as assigned.

**Qualifications**

- A. Demonstrated interest in emergency management and homeland security issues.
- B. Excellent written and oral communications skills required (Must be able to speak to communicate specific, sometimes complex ideas to both supervisors and District constituents)
- C. Must be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
- D. Bilingual or American Sign Language fluent applicants will receive particular consideration

*\*Interns may be asked to work outside of normal business hours including weekends and holidays*

To **apply**, submit a **cover letter, resume, one (1) writing sample (max. eight (8) pages) and one (1) letter of recommendation** to [hsema.internship@dc.gov](mailto:hsema.internship@dc.gov) indicating the particular Internship Opportunity being applied for in the email subject line by **Sunday, August 7, 2016**.

**NOTE:** Applicants must be US citizens and are subject to a background check.