



State Government Internship Program

About the Office

The Ohio State Office of Government Affairs works to build and maintain productive relationships with public officials and their staffs. The team works regularly with members of Congress, Governor's Office, Mayor's Office, Ohio General Assembly, Columbus City Council, and other federal, state, and local agencies regarding legislative, regulatory, and budget actions impacting the University and the higher education community.

About the Internship

The State Government Internship Program is coordinated through a partnership of the Ohio State University Office of Government Affairs and Department of Political Science. It provides sophomores, juniors, and seniors a semester-long internship with the Ohio General Assembly. Students selected for the program will be placed in the office of a State Representative, State Senator, or caucus policy office in downtown Columbus and have the option of earning 3 hours of credit for their work. The program also offers 3 seminars focusing on different aspects of working in state government.

Assignments vary from office to office, but students can expect to work on things like assisting with the resolution of constituent issues, identifying constituent and community achievements for recognition, conducting research, drafting letters and memos, and attending committee hearings and session. In addition, the program provides the opportunity for exposure to policymaking in action and the chance to interact with public officials and government staff. Transportation is not provided; however, the Ohio Statehouse is a stop on several COTA bus lines, which requires only an active student BuckID.

Applications will be due Friday, December 23rd. Finalists will be notified on December 28th of their selection into the program. Finalists will have until January 3rd to accept or decline the offer. Selected students can expect to begin their internships as quickly as possible in Spring semester.

Gluck-Asher Financial Award

All students selected to participate in the internship program will be eligible for a one-time \$500 award credited to their student account at the end of the semester if they successfully complete all internship program requirements and earn at least a grade of a B in the appropriate section of Political Science 4191. This award is made possible through the generous donation of Ohio State alumnus Barry Gluck. Mr. Gluck generously donated in honor of Professor Emeritus Herb Asher to support students interested in starting a career in public service.

Program Requirements

Students are expected to spend 10-15 hours per week at their internship in blocks of 4-5 hours. Availability on Tuesdays and Wednesdays is a plus but not required. Program requirements include: attendance at a pre-internship orientation; attendance at 2 out of 3 seminars that highlight different aspects of working in state government; completion of an internship agreement form; and completion of a one on one mid-semester meeting with the Office of Government Affairs internship coordinator.

Qualifications

The State Government Internship Program is open to students of any major who have attained at least a 3.0 grade point average and have completed their first year of undergraduate study.

How to Apply

Applications are due by December 16th, along with a copy of the class schedule for the semester in which they will intern, a resume, and a 3-5 page writing sample on a topic of their choice. Your writing sample does not need to be related to government or politics. It can simply be a piece of writing that you are proud of that demonstrates your ability to write and think critically.

Questions?

Contact Sam Smith at: smith.6518@osu.edu in the Office of Government Affairs

State Government Internship Program Spring 2023 Application

Applications due by December 16, 2022

Contact Sam Smith at smith.6518@osu.edu for a .doc version of this application

****Make sure all answers are clearly marked and legible****

Name:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

GPA: Major(s):

Minor(s):

Current Year: Fr So Jr Sr

Do you plan to take the internship for credit? Y N

To be eligible to earn the Gluck-Asher Financial Award, students must successfully complete the internship program and appropriate section of Political Science 4191 for credit.

What days can you spend 4-5 hours at the internship between 8:30am-5:00pm? (circle all that apply) M T W Th F

What day(s) and time(s) can you attend orientation on campus during the first two weeks of the semester? (list all availability)

With which political party would you prefer to be placed? Democrat | Republican

Party affiliation is used to determine placement for selected interns. If you are an Independent, member of a third party, or are still exploring your political ideology, please select the party with which you feel most closely aligned or with which you would feel most comfortable working. Please avoid writing no preference. Final placement in a legislative office will rest with the House and Senate Caucuses. Past political affiliation, if different than your selection, may be taken into consideration by each respective caucus.

Please answer the following questions. It is acceptable to go on to a second page if necessary.

Explain your above political party selection:

What interests you about the Government Internship?

What type of career are you interested in pursuing? How does this internship fit in with your goals?

What are your specific policy interests, especially those impacted by state government?

Please describe any skills (writing, technical, etc.) you may have.

What is your hometown?

How did you learn about this program?

About the Financial Award Namesakes



Mr. Barry Gluck is Managing Partner for Old Limestone LLC, which bottles iron-free, limestone-filtered spring water from the Kentucky aquifer. The hints of calcium and magnesium in Old Limestone mixing water enhance the flavor profile of bourbon and bring out its aromatic nuances.

Mr. Gluck also runs his own Gluck Consulting LLC, where he is Managing Director. His consulting expertise includes retail projects, market research, executive coaching, college mentorship, and more.

In addition to his work with Old Limestone and Gluck Consulting, Mr. Gluck also serves as Executive Advisor at INTURN, a B2B online software platform, which is streamlining the way brands and retailers buy and sell excess inventory.

Mr. Gluck has a long-held passion for service and founded the Fallen Angels Foundation in 2002. The foundation, where he serves as Managing Director, focuses on helping abandoned, battered, and abused women, children, and animals.

In addition, Mr. Gluck also serves on several private boards of directors, including Assurance Global, INTURN, and others. He previously held positions as Executive VP for Ross Stores, Chief Merchandising Officer for Today's Man, and VP of Menswear/Kids/Luggage for Macy's.

Mr. Gluck earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from The Ohio State University. He is dedicated to using the knowledge and experience he has acquired throughout his career to help others, a value modeled from his time as a student and advisee of Dr. Herb Asher's in the early 1970s. Mr. Gluck developed the Gluck-Asher Financial Award to support students participating in the State Government Internship Program in 2015 to honor the professor and give back to the university that first spurred his interest in service.



Dr. Herb Asher is professor emeritus of political science at The Ohio State University. He previously served as counselor to the university president, Senior Vice President for Government Affairs, and earlier as special assistant to the university president for government relations and founding director of the John Glenn Institute for Public Service and Public Policy.

He is currently serving in the position of Retiree-Faculty Emeritus in the Office of Academic Affairs where his responsibilities include writing the history of The Ohio State University during the second Gordon Gee Administration and advising the University President on relevant political matters. Dr. Asher is frequently called upon as an expert political analyst by local and national media. He still teaches an occasional course on Ohio Politics and on Campaign Politics.

Dr. Asher earned his degrees at Bucknell University (B.S. Mathematics) and the University of Michigan (M.A. and Ph. D. in political science). He is the author of numerous books and articles on American politics.

Dr. Asher currently serves as faculty adviser to the College Democrats and previously served in this role to the College Republicans, Undergraduate Student Government, and to two fraternities. He also serves on the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees of Hillel.

Dr. Asher is a former member and chair of the Ohio Ethics Commission and is currently a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, the United Way Public Policy Committee and the Board of Equality Ohio. He is a former member of the Board of Trustees of Community Research Partners, a former member of the Board of Trustees of the Columbus Metropolitan Club, and former president of the Ohio State University Faculty Club.