



Are you on a F1/J1 student visa?

- Yes
 No

Do you currently receive financial aid from GW?

- Yes
 No

This information will be used to determine tax implications only and will not affect the selection process.

School or College

- Columbian College of Arts and Sciences (includes Corcoran, SMPA, TSPPPA)
 School of Medicine and Health Sciences
 GW Law
 School of Engineering and Applied Science
 Graduate School of Education and Human Development
 School of Business
 Elliott School of International Affairs
 Milken Institute School of Public Health
 College of Professional Studies
 School of Nursing

Major/Field of Study

Political Science

Expected Graduation Time
(Year & Semester)

2017 Spring

Class Level

- Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior
 Graduate Dual Degree

What degree will you obtain? (i.e. BA, BS, JD, MA, MS, MPH, etc.)

BA

Official Organization Name for Your Internship:

Peres Center for Peace

Organization's Mailing Address:

132 Kedem Street, Tel Aviv-Jaffa, 68066, Israel

Time Period for Internship (dates):

June 1 - August 31

Organization's Website:

<http://www.peres-center.org>

Supervisor's Name:

Lara Portnoy

Supervisor's Phone Number:

972-3-568-0678

Supervisor's E-mail Address:

l-portnoy@peres-center.org

Internship Job Responsibilities & Duties:

I will be interning in the department of Public Relations at the Peres Center for Peace. Using skills I have gained from the School of Media and Public Affairs at GW, I will be communicating with international news outlets regarding the center's upcoming and recent events. My responsibilities include drafting press releases and assisting the PR department with additional projects-- such as the blog and other social media outlets. This fast paced department will provide me with a hands on experience in maintaining the PR for a high profile such as Shimon Peres, the 9th President of Israel, as well as a non-profit organization.

Why is the internship unpaid?

The Peres Center for Peace uses their funding to promote coexistence programming and development in a region that is home to the world's most tension filled land. While I cannot speak on behalf of the Center, I believe that this internship is unpaid because of their capacity to allocate funds.

Essay Questions

Describe your internship responsibilities and how your experience will support your career and academic goals. 500 words maximum. Note: All applications are reviewed anonymously. Please refrain from using your name in the essay.

Life is about equations. The first step of understanding your equation is knowing what you want, the second step is knowing how to get there, and the third step is doing everything possible to make that destination your reality.

I want to be the leading diplomat from the United States during the Israeli Palestinian peace negotiations— negotiations that will begin during the first year of the next administration. By interning at the Peres Center for Peace in Tel Aviv, I will gain the skills I need to become an ideal applicant to work at the United States Institute of Peace when I graduate next spring.

The past three years have been a blessing. I worked tirelessly to create a powerful network of ambitious and inspiring mentors who have taught me more than a textbook ever could. My professors have shown me how to focus my efforts to pursue my dreams, and for that I will forever be thankful. These experiences have lead me to the Massachusetts State House, the US Senate, and now— Israel.

This internship is imperative to fulfilling my career and academic aspirations. The time has come to take what I have learned in our classrooms to the complex professional world of Middle East diplomacy. It is an honor to be recognized by Shimon Peres, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize and former President and Prime Minister of Israel, for my activism on our campus. My time at the Peres Center for Peace will expose me to the highest level of negotiation preparation from a foreign public relations perspective, a unique and invaluable opportunity that I refuse to let pass by.

In the Public Relations department of the personnel office of Shimon Peres, I will be exposed to challenges and obstacles I never knew existed. There will be times when the language barrier might attempt to break me down or when sociopolitical relations between diverse communities will confuse me, but nothing will stop me from figuring it out and getting the job done. It does not take much to write a Facebook status or share a picture on Instagram, but it does take a great deal of education and strategic planning to effectively communicate the message of peace during times of conflict. My professional goals require this type politically immersive experience.

Please describe your involvement and contributions to GW and/or the greater community. 500 words maximum. Note: All applications are reviewed anonymously. Please refrain from using your name in the essay.

Regularly volunteering one's own time to serve a greater campus community is a thankless job, yet it is one that I am proud to have done. I have demonstrated my commitment to bettering our campus life through my extracurricular contributions.

I engaged students to learn more about logic and policy as a member of the GW Debate Team. As Director of Philanthropy for the Alpha Delta Pi sorority, I organized events that raised over \$15,000 to benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Washington, DC. Serving as the Freshmen Engagement Chair and then Director of Public Relations for the Jewish Student Association, I met with new students daily and learned how to manage a heavy work load. To start a proactive dialogue about peace on campus, I joined GW for Israel during the fall of my freshman year and am now serving as the president of this student organization.

My extracurricular activities reflect my ambition to pursue my professional goals (and those listed above are just to name a few!) It is because of GW that I have access to opportunities that will benefit my future. I recognize the privilege I have of being a student here, something I am so thankful for, which is why I have done everything possible to use my time wisely. Through my various experiences of getting to know and working with our community, I feel prepared to take the next steps into the professional world.

Why are you an ideal candidate for a grant from the Knowledge in Action Career Internship Fund? 500 words maximum. Note: All applications are reviewed anonymously. Please refrain from using your name in the essay.

I desperately need the financial assistance from the Knowledge in Action Career Internship Fund to pursue an unpaid internship at the Peres Center for Peace, one that is imperative to pursuing my personal and professional goal of playing a role in establishing peace in the Middle East. The support received from this scholarship would elevate the financial burden that I have worked tirelessly to avoid. Unfortunately my babysitting and hostessing jobs, that I've had for the past three years, have not offered enough support. I intend on using this grant money to purchase a basic and often overlooked necessity of interning abroad— the travel there and back.

I am an ideal candidate for this grant because of the long term professional opportunities I will gain from this high-quality experience. It would be honor to travel to Tel Aviv to work and learn from a Nobel Peace Prize winner and the former President of Israel, this can only be done by the generosity of this scholarship. I ask that you strongly consider my application during this process. If awarded, I will do everything to make all who helped me proud. If you have any further questions regarding my application for the KACIF or internship at the Peres Center for Peace, please contact me!



PROPOSED BUDGET FOR INTERNSHIPS WITHIN DC METRO AREA

Please complete the template below to outline your proposed budget. Explain in specific detail your estimated expenses and the existing or anticipated sources of funding and how the funds will be used.

SECTION ONE: Estimated Expenses Related to the Internship:

Local transportation from housing to internship site (i.e. bus, subway, etc.)	Rav-Kav monthly pass, total cost: 486.00 NIS (\$128 US Dollars)
Housing* (if different due to internship)	\$8,000 US Dollars for 10 weeks of housing
Estimated Utilities*	Utilities are included in the price of housing!
Meal (if your internship requires you to alter your meal plan)	\$1,800.00 US Dollars
Other Miscellaneous Expenses	\$2,000

Please specify miscellaneous expenses (i.e., business apparel, required uniform, equipment or supplies necessary for the internship, estimated forgone wages from inability to get a paid job due to internship, etc.

The \$2,000 US Dollars of miscellaneous expenses would be allocated to my travel to Israel and back to the United States. I have been working a part time job at a restaurant and babysitting on the weekends while being a full time student to save as much as possible to help create history in the Middle East.

The largest challenge I face in making this dream a reality is affording my flight to Tel Aviv and back to the United States. Between the cost of insurance and security of the flight, this amount would adequately cover the cost of one of the most important factors of interning for the Peres Center for Peace- getting there.

* Summer applicants only

SECTION TWO: Other Sources of Aid:

Additional sources of aid towards this internship (i.e. stipend for transportation or food)

N/A

Total estimated expenses (Section One Total)

\$11,928

Total sources of aid (Section Two Total)

N/A

Net estimated expenses
(Section One Total minus Section Two Total)

\$11,928

Total Grant Amount Requested
(Grants for internships in the District of Columbia and other U.S. domestic locations typically range from \$750 to \$1,500, while international internships typically receive grants ranging from \$2000 and \$3000; amount may not exceed net estimated expenses)

\$2,800

EDUCATION

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
Bachelor of Arts, Political Communication

Washington, DC
May 2017

Springfield Technical Community College
Bachelor of Arts

Springfield, MA
August 2012 – May 2013

WORK EXPERIENCE

American Israel Public Affairs Committee

Washington, DC

Progressive Policy and Government Affairs Research Intern

June 2015 – August 2015

- Accompanied lobbyists to congressional meetings with Members and their staff to discuss concerns and solutions to issues regarding the US-Israel relationship
- Published memos religious freedom, increasing food security and women's rights in the Middle East
- Researched legislative data to enhance lobbying efforts prior to the vote on the Iran Nuclear Deal

United States Senator Edward Markey (D-MA)

Washington, DC

Senate Legislative Intern

January 2015 – May 2015

- Acted as a liaison by meeting with constituent groups and lobbyists to relay their concerns to the Senator
- Researched legislative initiatives and collected data to further policy change
- Organized constituent casework and contacted federal and state agencies on their behalf

Rational 360

Washington, DC

Media and Public Affairs Intern

August 2014 – January 2015

- Maintained up-to-date press and media contact lists for the firm's partners and employees
- Pitched stories to a variety of regional, national, and international news outlets
- Compiled news clips for the reference of company clients, who range from Fortune 500 to high profile individuals

National Conference for Community and Justice

Windsor, CT

Youth Program Development Specialist

August 2014 – January 2015

- Planned and coordinated ANYTOWN, a nationally recognized and award winning social justice camp for youth
- Developed diversity training programming for the YOUTH Action Coalition (YAC)
- Created media content calendars for the firm

Massachusetts State Senator Eric Lesser

Longmeadow, MA

Campaign Marketing and Media Intern

August 2014 – January 2015

- Authored campaign related press releases and opinion editorials to be published across Massachusetts
- Analyzed data and polls to assess the campaign's strengths and weaknesses regarding outreach initiatives
- Canvassed hundreds of doors weekly to encourage constituents to get involved in local politics

The Miss America Organization

Massachusetts

Miss Massachusetts' Outstanding Teen

2011 – 2012

- Awarded this title based on excellence in scholastic achievement and community service
- Selected to represent Massachusetts on a federal platform of bullying prevention through diversity training
- Raised thousands of dollars for research regarding the prevention childhood cancer

ACTIVITIES

Chief Content Editor, The George Washington Political Review, 2014 – Present

Vice President of Philanthropy, Alpha Delta Pi at The George Washington University, 2014 – Present

President, GW for Israel, The George Washington University, 2014 – Present

Director of Public Relations, Dance Marathon benefitting Children's Miracle Network, 2015 – Present

Volunteer Coordinator, Little Friends for Peace, NoMa Washington, DC 2013 – 2015