2012 Legislative Internship Program

Applications are now being accepted for the Spring 2012 Legislative Internship Program. One intern will be accepted for this program and will be placed in the office of a State Representative or Senator from the island of Hawaii. The interns are involved in a wide variety of legislative matters, from research and bill drafting to constituent services. The intern's primary responsibilities will include assisting with committee work and tracking projects by interacting with all levels of government, stakeholders and community members. It is an excellent opportunity to learn about the legislative and political process from a first-hand point of view. A number of previous interns have gone to work full-time in the legislature after graduation as members of the staff, or in one case as a legislator.

Applicants must be full-time students (carrying 12 credits or more) and have taken at least one Political Science class. They must be at least sophomores with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 in their major. In case of equally qualified top candidates, Political Science majors will be given preference.

Credit
The selected intern must take PolS 481 for 15 credits (Credit / No Credit only). The requirements for the internship will be provided to all applicants selected for an interview. This is a full-time (40 hours per week) position which lasts for approximately the entire semester, and may involve working overtime and weekends.

Stipend and Tuition
The selected intern will receive $3000 (pre-tax) which is intended to assist with tuition and fees, inter-island air fare between Hilo and Honolulu, and housing. A stipend to cover tuition may also be available through the College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Office, pending funding.

For application forms, please see Professor Belt in UCB 355 or go to: http://www.uhh.hawaii.edu/~tbelt/Internships.html

Deadline Extended! 4:00 pm on Friday, December 2, 2011!