



INTERNSHIPS & EARLY CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Jumpstart your career while exploring Federal careers at the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC)!

We offer many opportunities for current students and recent graduates through a variety of programs.



Pathways Internship Program

The Pathways Internship Program places currently enrolled students, from high school to graduate level, into paid opportunities working in federal agencies. Students who successfully complete the program may be converted to a permanent position. For additional information on this program and to apply for internships, please visit the [USAJOBS Federal Internship Portal](#).



Pathways Recent Graduate Program

The Pathways Recent Graduate Program places individuals who have graduated within the past two years from qualifying educational institutions or career or technical education programs into 1-year developmental experiences. Participants who successfully complete the program may be converted to a permanent position. Please visit the [Recent Graduate Portal](#) on USAJOBS to find and apply to current openings.



Workforce Recruitment Program (WRP)

The Workforce Recruitment Program provides work experience for college students with disabilities. A pool of pre-screened applicants is maintained by the Department of Labor. Successful individuals may be non-competitively appointed to permanent positions. For additional information on this program, please visit the [Workforce Recruitment Program](#) website or email ScheduleA@doc.gov.

For more information, visit our Student and Recent Graduates website.

<https://www.commerce.gov/hr/careers/students>



BUREAU INTERN & FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

Several of our Bureaus' programs focused on their specific missions. Learn more by clicking on the program links below.



Program	Bureau	Paid	Target Audience	Duration
The Economic Measurement and Research Internship	Census	✓	Bachelor's, Master's or Ph.D. degree holders who meet requirements for Economist (0110) or Survey Statistician (1530) job series	1-4 years
Postdoctoral Research Fellows	Census	✓	Ph.D. degree recipients within first 6 years of receiving doctorate degree at time of application	2 years
Emerging Technology Fellows	Census	✓	Interest in broad AI, design, product management, and related areas	2-4 years
CS Fellowship	ITA	✓	Graduate students in International Affairs, International Relations, International Studies, or related major	8 weeks
U.S. Commercial Service Internship Program	ITA		College students in any major of study	6 months
National Research Council Postdoctoral Associateships Program	NIST	✓	STEM Ph.D. degree recipients within 5 years of graduation	2 years
Professional Research Experience Program	NIST	✓	Accredited Universities with STEM	5 years
Summer High School Intern Program	NIST		Matriculating high school juniors and seniors	8 weeks
Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship	NIST	✓	Undergraduate STEM majors	11 weeks
Graduate Student Measurement Science and Engineering Fellowship Program	NIST	✓	Accredited Universities with STEM	2-6 years
Student Opportunities Database	NOAA		Varies by program	Varies
CI Innovation Internship	USPTO	✓	Third-year college students	2 years
USPTO Anthony Bowen Internship Program	USPTO	✓	Current college, trade or other qualifying institution students	3 months
IP Skills Work-Based Learning Program	USPTO	✓	High school students	600 hours over 10-month period
Trademark Law Internship	USPTO		First and second year law students	12 weeks
Office of Policy and International Affairs Law Internship	USPTO		First and second year law students	10-12 weeks
Extern Program	USPTO		High school or college students	12 weeks-1 year
PTAB Judicial Law Clerk Program	USPTO	✓	Law school graduates and junior attorneys	1 year
Statement Departmental Virtual Student Federal Service Program	USPTO		Undergraduate, Graduate or Doctorate students, high school graduates enrolled in a degree-seeking program	1 year
Office of White House Liaison Internship Program	OS		College or graduate students	Varies