

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COUNSEL FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE
FULL- AND PART-TIME VOLUNTEER LAW INTERNS, FALL 2026**

The Office of the Chief Counsel for International Commerce (OCC-IC), U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC, is seeking part-time and full-time volunteer law interns for Fall 2026.

OCC-IC provides legal advice and support to the International Trade Administration (ITA) on international trade and investment issues, including tariffs, investment and export promotion, international data flows and privacy, the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), and competition. OCC-IC attorneys work closely with ITA officials and with attorneys and other officials at other agencies, including the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, the State Department, and the Treasury Department. OCC-IC attorneys work on a wide range of legal topics in support of ITA's work. Highlights include:

Developing and Implementing the Administration's Trade Agenda: Providing advice on the negotiation and implementation of bilateral and regional trade deals and on implementation of tariff regimes to achieve reciprocal trade and protect the national security.

Negotiating and Implementing Cross-Border Data Arrangements: Working with ITA and other agencies in developing, negotiating, and implementing international arrangements that allow for the free flow of data while maintaining high standards of privacy protection.

Protecting the National Security and Fostering Foreign Investment: ITA seeks to promote foreign investment that creates American jobs and grows the U.S. economy while also restricting foreign investment that might endanger U.S. national security, and OCC-IC supports both activities. We also work with ITA in implementing new restrictions on U.S. investment in countries of concern.

Bringing Down Trade Barriers: Advising ITA on addressing barriers to U.S. exports and foreign investment. We work with ITA to determine the nature of the barrier, the applicable international legal requirements, and the legal and policy tools available to address the barrier.

Promoting U.S. Exports: Providing legal support to ITA in promoting U.S. exports through trade missions and other activities.

OCC-IC is strongly committed to its mission, public service, and collegiality. OCC-IC works to ensure that interns have meaningful and interesting assignments that include client contact, presentations, and, where possible, participating in interagency meetings. Each intern will be assigned a supervisor, who will meet with the intern on a regular basis to discuss progress. Interns must commit to working 20 hours a week, in person in Washington, DC, for at least 10-12 weeks. Candidates able to work for more hours or full time may be given preference.

Candidates who are interested in a unique international trade experience and who have a relevant background or demonstrated interest are encouraged to apply. Candidates must have completed at least one year of law school before commencing the internship and must be a U.S. citizen.

If interested, please e-mail (do not send by regular mail) a cover letter, resume, a five-to-ten page writing sample (preferably on an international trade law subject), a letter with a list of at least three references, and a law school transcript to: occic@doc.gov. To expedite the handling of your application, please indicate "**Fall 2026 Internship**" in the subject matter area of your correspondence. Please do not include your date of birth or social security information.

Application deadline for the Fall 2026 Internship: **May 18, 2026**. Applications will be reviewed and offers will be extended on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

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