

DEADLINE Extended to April 8: Curtis B. Hurley Washington Public Affairs Journalism Scholarships

Apply now: Scholarships worth \$2,500 each are available to help offset costs for outstanding undergraduate journalism students interested in spending the Fall 2022 semester in Washington, D.C.

As part of the Missouri School of Journalism Washington Program, you will work in a professional internship, attend weekly seminars with some of the nation's top journalists and communicators, and earn 12 hours of course credit.

Who is eligible? Juniors and seniors, especially those from underrepresented groups and/or with financial need*, who are interested in public affairs journalism, including investigative journalism, government reporting or any kind of storytelling that seeks to hold powerful people and institutions of all types accountable. (**As determined by the Office of Financial Aid*)

The ideal candidates: We're looking for journalists who want to change the world through storytelling on any platform. Experience working for KOMU, KBIA, the Missourian or any other Mizzou newsroom is preferred, as is a previous journalism internship. But mostly we're looking for candidates who have the passion, skills and potential to make a difference through public affairs journalism. Up to two Hurley scholarships will be awarded for the Fall 2022 semester Washington Program.

How to apply: Please submit the following materials:

- Cover letter (maximum 600 words) that tells us what motivates you as a journalist and why you want to spend a semester in the Washington Program.
- Resume

Materials should be submitted to: Alison Young, Washington Program director and Curtis B. Hurley Chair in Public Affairs Reporting: alisonyoung@missouri.edu. **Subject line: Hurley Scholarship**

- Before submitting a scholarship application, students are strongly encouraged to schedule a short Zoom discussion with the Washington Program Director to learn more about the program and get tips for starting your D.C. internship search. Please see important information below.**

Application Deadline for Fall 2022 Hurley Scholarships: Extended to April 8 (*The application deadline for spring semester 2023 scholarships will be in mid-September.*)

****Other important information:** For more than 50 years, the Missouri School of Journalism Washington Program has offered students the opportunity to spend a semester working and learning in the nation's capital. You can read more details about the program [here](#).

- Students, with coaching from the Washington Program director, need to apply for and obtain a journalism internship in the Washington, D.C., metro area for the Fall 2022 semester. Internship application deadlines vary. News organizations generally start hiring fall semester interns during the spring, with early deadlines for some of the best positions. It is important to simultaneously start applying for internships as you are applying for a Hurley Scholarship – and we will help you do that.
- You are strongly encouraged to set up a time to talk by Zoom with Washington Program director Alison Young as soon as possible to help you refine your resume/cover letter and develop a strategy for your Washington internship search. Email her at alisonyoung@missouri.edu. For a list of organizations that have a history of offering internships in Washington, D.C., check out this [great Washington Program resource](#) and [sign up](#) to receive an email newsletter highlighting D.C. internship openings.
- Scholarship applicants also are encouraged to set up an appointment with staff in the [Journalism School's Office of Global Programs](#) to discuss program costs, finances, create a draft budget for a semester in Washington and learn how your existing student financial aid can be used while you are in the program. You can read more details about costs of the Washington Program [here](#).
- Be sure to talk with your academic advisor about whether a semester in Washington works with your academic plan.

These scholarships are a program of the Curtis B. Hurley Chair in Public Affairs Journalism, which was created in 1998 with a gift from the Edgar A. McLaughlin and Lucile T. McLaughlin Trust to honor Mr. McLaughlin's former mentor. Curtis B. Hurley was an Arkansas editor who attended the University of Missouri with the intention of entering the journalism school, but left to go to war and did not graduate. Hurley gave McLaughlin his first job at a daily newspaper in 1925, encouraged McLaughlin to study at Mizzou and lent him the \$400 it cost to attend the university at that time. As the Hurley Chair, Alison Young works to promote investigative and accountability journalism that reports on the performance of public officials.