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Thank you for your interest in the Alabama Legislative Internship Program. This internship is an immersive experience held in the spring of each year when the Alabama Legislature is in session to expose college students to the legislative process. Interns (assigned to either a group of Senators or to several House committees—all located in the State House in Montgomery, Alabama) assist committee clerks with committee preparation and attend all assigned committees. Interns perform non-legal research for legislative members and assist with constituent services. Observation of the legislative process is emphasized and when the legislature is in session (most Tuesdays and Thursdays), interns are often in the House chamber or Senate gallery observing the process in action.

The Legislative Internship Program will open with an orientation session one week prior to the beginning of the Legislative Session. The 2023 internship will begin on February 28, 2023 and will run through June 19, 2023 (or whenever the legislature adjourns if sooner). Again, all interns are placed in the State House in Montgomery, Alabama, and the hours are Monday – Thursday, 8:30 – 4:30. While not required, interns are encouraged to take advantage of any days when the legislature stays late to conduct business so they can get the “full flavor” of the legislative process.

In addition to the above, interns submit weekly journal entries to me (and to their college professors if receiving college credit). Resume work and mock interviews are available upon request. Interns take several tours and are also exposed to meetings with state leaders while interning with us.

This internship provides a \$5,000 stipend for the full term of the internship. In addition, college credit is given by most colleges/universities in the state for the experience (several universities give a full 12 hours). Each student works with their own university with support provided by the Law Institute to provide all required evaluations and documentation needed for credit. We do have many December graduates who participate as well. Almost all interns have some ties to the state of Alabama; however, we do make some exceptions for interested students attending out of state universities.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please go to the Legislative Services Agency website, www.lsa.state.al.us, (click on the Law Institute, then Institute Services, then Legislative Internship Program) and fill out an application for the 2023 Legislative Internship to return to us. Although we do operate with rolling applications, the preferred deadline to apply is October 1, 2022.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at tnorman@lsa.state.al.us or (334) 261-0681. I look forward to hearing back from you.

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