

An internship in any of Senator Tim Johnson's offices presents college students with a rewarding opportunity to serve South Dakota while gaining valuable knowledge of the federal government and legislative process. Internships are available in all of Senator Johnson's South Dakota offices, as well as his office in Washington, D.C.

In South Dakota, Senator Johnson's knowledgeable state staff represent him at meetings he is unable to attend. In addition, each of Senator Johnson's South Dakota offices has a staff comprised of caseworkers and other assistants who work directly with South Dakotans on the issues that matter most to them: resolving a problem with a federal agency, perhaps, or obtaining information about federal programs or legislative proposals.

Interns working in South Dakota offices may process mail, answer telephones, greet the public, draft correspondence, compile news clippings, conduct research, attend meetings, and assist in planning events. Interns may also help prepare for Senator Johnson's frequent travels throughout South Dakota, and may occasionally have an opportunity to attend meetings or travel with Senator Johnson. Ultimately, South Dakota interns are afforded an excellent opportunity to

gain firsthand experience serving the public in a professional environment.

In Washington, D.C., Senator Johnson's internship program matches interns' interests with their responsibilities whenever possible. In addition to his position on four very busy Senate committees (Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; Budget; and Energy and Natural Resources) Senator Johnson is also actively involved in other areas, such as encouraging economic development throughout South Dakota, developing child care, health care and educational opportunities for all South Dakotans, and addressing issues of importance to American Indians.

Senator Johnson's staff in Washington, D.C. is uniquely qualified to handle a variety of legislative issues. Other members of his staff provide administrative support, work with the news media, and assist Senator Johnson in his day-to-day activities. Interns in the Washington office will have an opportunity to participate in all departments.

Interns working in Washington will perform routine office functions, which include answering telephones, greeting visitors from South Dakota,

and processing mail. In addition to these duties, interns are assigned to work with specific staff members, tracking legislation, researching issues, attending hearings, and helping to draft correspondence. Other internship opportunities include working with the news media, helping to draft press releases and media advisories, and setting up radio and television interviews.

Internship experiences

are available in Senator Johnson's South Dakota offices, as well as his Washington, D.C. office. Generally, internships begin in late May, early September, mid-December and in February. These dates are somewhat flexible because colleges may have different academic calendars. You should, however, plan to apply at least two months prior to beginning an Internship position in any of Senator Johnson's offices.

For a copy of Senator Johnson's internship application, please visit his website at <http://johnson.senate.gov>. If you prefer, you may also contact any of Senator Johnson's offices on the back of this brochure to request an application. When you submit your application, you will also need to provide a cover letter, résumé, and a brief sample of your writing that accurately reflects your ability. These materials should be sent to the attention of "Intern Coordinator" at the office in which you would like to be stationed.

"My summer in Washington as an intern for Senator Johnson was incredible! I now have a greater understanding of the federal legislative process and all that it entails. It was especially rewarding to 'shadow' Senator Johnson, since that allowed me to see, firsthand, how hard Tim works for South Dakota."

— Elli Wicks, Watertown
Washington, D.C. Intern

"I would strongly encourage students considering a career in politics or related fields to intern for Senator Johnson."

Jarret Brachman, Sioux Falls Intern

Sounds Great!
Where Do I Sign Up?

“My internship in Washington, D.C., gave me skills that will help me far into the future. I met lifelong friends, saw sites that are breathtaking, and learned ‘up close and personal’ about how our nation’s capitol works. This is the chance of a lifetime, and it will give you a lifetime of memories and stories to tell.”

—Austine Toavs, Spearfish
Washington, D.C. Intern

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