



“I am excited about both the learning opportunities this program will provide to Rutgers students and the meaningful service they will give to their fellow citizens. It is a terrific way to further

Rutgers' mission as the State University of New Jersey.”

**Richard L. McCormick**, President  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey



Established in 2007, the program is administered by the Citizenship and Service Education Program (CASE) under the auspices of Rutgers' Office of the Associate Vice President for Academic and Public Partnerships in the Arts and Humanities in collaboration with the Office of the President, the Office of State Relations, and the School of Arts and Sciences.

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## New Jersey Leaders of Tomorrow Presidential Internship Program



A partnership of Rutgers, The State  
University of New Jersey, and  
Leaders of the New Jersey State  
Government

## The New Jersey Leaders of Tomorrow Presidential Internship Program

offers exemplary Rutgers University students a hands-on opportunity to learn about the roles and functions of state government. Students from all majors are encouraged to serve state legislators and their staffs by assisting them in their district and Trenton offices. By providing the tools and sharing knowledge of how to effect positive change, the goal of this non-partisan program is to foster relationships between New Jersey's present and future leaders who share a deep commitment to the well being of our state.

### Program Eligibility

This program is open to all upper level Rutgers undergraduates who have:

- A 3.0+ grade point average
- Excellent writing, research, and communication skills
- Distinguished leadership, service, and academic achievement



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## Internship Duties

To have a meaningful, educational experience, interns will devote 120 hours (nine to ten hours/week) performing substantive tasks in the following areas:

- *Legislative:* attending committee and caucus meetings, researching issues, and tracking legislation; assisting with preparation of materials to draft and track legislative bills
- *Constituent Services:* assisting district office staff or legislator in responding to constituents who have concerns, requests, or problems pertaining to policy issues
- *District Office:* assisting staff with political communications, including writing press releases, letters, and speeches; assisting with legal research and acting as liaison between professional district staff and the public

### The benefits to our students are:

- Learning leadership and workplace skills
- Gaining knowledge of how state policy is developed
- Enhancing citizenship by knowing the process and impact of political participation
- Seeing theory put into practice

### The benefits to participating legislators:

- Hearing fresh perspectives on issues facing today's young people
- Opportunity to mentor a future leader
- Students from diverse backgrounds bring writing, research, and community building skills

## Internship Placements

Internship placements will be made based on student's interests, availability, partisan requests, and geographical preferences. Every effort will be made to match students to legislators with similar interests. Participating legislators may request to interview the prospective student prior to placement. Once accepted, a designated legislative staff member will assign and oversee the intern's work.



### What our students are saying about the program:

*"First-hand knowledge will provide me with essential insights on how to effect noticeable and lasting change in government legislation."*

**Jeffrey Moon**, Religion major

*"I feel a sense of responsibility to serve the State of New Jersey, as it has given me a great deal."*

**Judd Abramson**, East Asian Studies and Political Science double major

*"Working with the state government, I believe I could learn so much more about its structure and policies than what I've learned in classes."*

**Michaela Brailsford**, Political Science and Journalism and Media Studies double major