

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION
CAPITOL HILL PROGRAMME 2009
Deadline: Friday 21 November 2008

“It’s a different system to Westminster.....almost like a democratic political religion, which you only get a sense of by spending time there. It’s something you can’t pick up from the books. It’s the Hill experience.”

Capitol Hill Programme Alumna

The English-Speaking Union invites applications for its Capitol Hill Programme for the summer of 2009. The opportunity is available to **undergraduates who will be starting one of their last two years at a British university during 2008** to undertake placements in offices of members of the U.S. Congress. Applications are welcomed from students of any discipline at universities in the United Kingdom.

The ESU offers visa support and placements for eleven interns to work in the highly competitive and frenetic environment of Capitol Hill. In recent years, ESU interns have worked in the offices of, amongst others, Edward Kennedy and Richard Gephardt. Internships also offer excellent networking opportunities. The programme is run as an exchange with universities in Washington DC, who, together with ESU Washington DC, provide an in-depth orientation for all participants.

The placements are unpaid and successful applicants are expected to raise the funds to cover the costs of their internships. In the past interns have received financial support from universities and grant-making trusts. Accommodation is arranged for interns at George Washington University. Successful applicants will be required to pay approximately £1300 to cover the cost of the accommodation. All other costs - flights, insurance and living expenses, estimated at around £2000 - are covered and arranged by the participants themselves. All participants must pay a contribution fee of £200 to the ESU.

The 2009 programme will run from mid-June to early August.

Selection Procedure

Candidates should send an appropriately detailed CV with a 250-word piece in support of their application. Successful candidates should be able to demonstrate an active interest in politics and that the internship will assist their medium-term career goals.

All applications must be received **by 5.30pm on Friday 21 November 2008** and interviews will take place on Friday 12 December 2008 in London. Those called to interview must arrange for written references to be sent to the ESU by Friday 28 November 2008. Applications must be submitted to, and further information can be obtained from:

Capitol Hill Internship Applications

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