Program Overview
The Summer in Washington, D.C., Program immerses Gaylord College students into the culture of government and politics in the Nation’s capitol. Students are exposed to campaign, governance and interest group politics through periodic gatherings, featuring political practitioners and national political journalists. They will receive practical experience in, and exposure to national politics as interns through various Washington offices.

Program Dates
Summer 2017 program begins as early as Monday, May 15, 2017, and may end on Friday, July 28, 2017. The periodic gatherings and mentoring activities will occur during the months of June and July. Students should plan to continue in their internship through August 1, (or later, if you started late) allowing ten (10) weeks of experience.

Application
Students are required to submit an official program application by no later than Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017. Each application will have: 1.) a confirmed internship assignment, 2.), statement of interest, 3.) current résumé and 4.) transcript. Beginning Oct. 24th, application packets may be found on the Gaylord College website under “Student Opportunities, OU Summer in Washington Program.” Application packets will also be available in the Gaylord College Student Services Center, on the second floor of Gaylord Hall beginning Oct. 24.

College Credit
Students may also be eligible to register for internship credit for their experience if eligible. See your academic adviser for information and eligibility for the internship-for-credit option.

Cost
Students will be responsible for their University of Oklahoma tuition and fee charges, as well as housing, transportation to, from and during their stay in Washington, all meals, and other personal and miscellaneous expenses that will be incurred. On average, students should expect to spend approximately $5,000 for living, transportation, food, and miscellaneous expenses while in Washington, D.C.

Scholarships
There will be a limited number of scholarships available for this program. Your program application will also serve as your scholarship application. Scholarship notification and program acceptance will occur simultaneously. Historically, scholarship amounts have been approximately $2,000.

Internship Placement
It is the student’s responsibility to secure their internship. Gaylord College staff and faculty are available to support students with resources and suggestions for internship opportunities. Internships should be locked in prior to application submission.

Housing
Gaylord College will provide resources and leads to students in their search for housing in the Washington, D.C., area. Students are ultimately responsible for securing their place of residence while in the Washington, D.C., area, including payment (which can be expensive given the DC market). Efforts will be made to direct students toward dormitory housing at area colleges and universities. Gaylord College recommends to our students they stay in dormitory housing at the George Washington University (Foggy Bottom area). The website for this housing option is: www.summerhousing.gwu.edu Recommendation is based on past student feedback, proximity to the DC Metro, affordability, and the relative safe nature of the Foggy Bottom neighborhood. Participants are generally able to move into their assigned housing during the third week in May, 2017 and will need to leave by the end of the first week in August, 2017. Exact check-in/check-out dates will be posted by GWU around December 1, or shortly thereafter.

Questions
Contact: Yvette Walker, Assistant Dean, Gaylord College, ywalker@ou.edu, 405-325-9026.
OU Summer in Washington, D.C., Program

PROGRAM & SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION: Summer 2017

Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication

Return to: THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA, 395 W. LINDSEY, SUITE 2533, NORMAN, OK 73019
PHONE: (405) 325-5684, FAX: (405) 325-0987

Application Deadline: Tuesday, Jan 31, 2017

Name___________________________________________ Local/cell Phone (_____)______________________

Last, First, Middle

Local Address _______________________________________________________________________________

Street City Zip

Permanent Address __________________________________________________________________________

Street City Zip

Sex: M or F Date of Birth: _____/_____/______ SSN: ______-_______-___________ Summer 20____

Email (Please print): ___________________________ Permanent Phone: (______)________________________

Parent’s/Guardian’s names and addresses: ______________________________________

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Total cumulative hours earned to date_______. Cumulative grade point average is _______.

Number of semester in hours earned in Journalism and Mass Communication courses before this semester is _______.

Number of JMC semester hours in which currently enrolled is _______.

Circle major: JOUR BEM ADV PR PW

I have been offered an internship in the Washington, D.C. area: _____Yes _____No

Relevant Experience:
Please describe any internships, jobs or co-curricular activities that would have prepared you for this internship in
Washington, D.C.: __________________________________________

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Please read and sign the following

Terms of Internship

1. The internship experience is being used for your educational benefit and not the internship site, The University of Oklahoma, or the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication.
2. Your internship is only for the time period specified above and you acknowledge that you are not entitled to a job with the organization (also known as your internship site) at the end of your experience.
3. You agree that you likely will not be paid for the experience or activities while you are an intern as you are not an employee of the Gaylord College, the internship site, or University of Oklahoma.
4. You understand that you are expected to adhere to Gaylord College, internship site, and University policies, procedures, programs and operating standards and failure to do so may result in immediate termination of the internship.
5. You are responsible for your own health, accident and professional liability insurance, since the University or Center will not provide these.

(To be filled out by student)

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the terms of the internship and agree with the statements contained herein.

______________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
Applicant’s Signature   OU ID Number   E-mail address      Date of Application

Please complete ALL requested items. Not doing some may delay or ultimately disqualify your application for consideration.

Be sure you include the following (incomplete applications will not be accepted):

____ Internship confirmation letter or email: This letter or email will be from the organization providing you with your internship. The letter or email should state that you have been offered and are scheduled to complete an internship for the Summer 2017 period in the Washington, D.C., area, with the name of the organization, and should include the name and contact information of your internship supervisor.

____ Statement of Interest: Attach a 100 to 250-word statement explaining why you want to participate in the OU Summer in Washington Program and what type of internship experience you are hoping for.

____ Résumé: Attach a current résumé, including work experience and extracurricular activities.

____ Current OU transcript—unofficial or official will suffice.