Winter 2021 UCLA QUARTER IN WASHINGTON PROGRAM

The UCLA Quarter in Washington, DC offers an exciting combination of research and internships to 30 UCLA undergraduates each fall, winter, and spring quarter. The program encourages students from all majors to apply.

INTERNSHIPS AND RESEARCH

In DC, students intern three to four days a week, take classes, and write a 20-30 page research paper. All program participants enroll in 12 units while in Washington: an 8-unit graded research seminar and a 4-unit internship course.

The Research Development Seminar (M191DC) guides students from proposal to finished paper. This 8-unit, upper division course helps students design, execute, write and present an original project, while placing their work in the broader context of empirical research in many disciplines. Students receive individualized attention to their intellectual development and writing and research skills.

Aided by resources and support from program administrators, students secure internships at Washington non-profits, think tanks, government agencies, trade groups, etc., such as the American Enterprise Institute, congressional committees, the Smithsonian, the Climate Institute, the US Department of Justice, or CNN. CAPPP students receive four units of P/NP academic credit for the internship (M195DC).

ELECTIVES

Students can also take one of several elective courses offered by the UC Washington Center. Instructors from a variety of Washington, DC fields, such as political speechwriters and foreign policy scholars, teach these upper-division courses. The classes, held in the evenings, take advantage of Washington’s unique intellectual and cultural resources and are worth four upper division UC units each.

ELIGIBILITY

• All majors welcome
• 3.0 minimum GPA
• Full-time UCLA undergraduate
• One upper division UCLA course that provides broad background for proposed research project

FINANCIAL AID

For students accepted to CAPPP who receive financial aid, the UCLA Financial Aid Office adjusts its estimated cost of education to that of the CAPPP program (See “Budgeting for a Quarter in Washington” hand-out).

LIVING IN WASHINGTON: THE UC WASHINGTON CENTER

All CAPPP students live in the UC Washington Center also known as UCDC, located at 1608 Rhode Island Ave., NW, near Dupont Circle, in the heart of Washington. Four students are assigned to each fully furnished two-bedroom, one-bathroom apartment.

Apartments include full kitchens, WiFi, and light housekeeping. Also housed within the Center are a small fitness room, 24-hour computer lab with printers, lounges, faculty offices, classrooms, laundry facilities, and a small shop for sundries and snacks. The Center has 24-hour guarded security and offers a variety of activities and field trips each week.

Students typically commute five to 30 minutes from the Center to their internships on foot or via the Metro subway system.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Admission is selective. Further details on the program and the application process may be obtained at information sessions, on the web, or from the CAPPP office, located in 4375 Public Affairs.

If you have additional questions, please contact Carol Ann Wald: cwald@cappp.ucla.edu or 310-206-3109.

WINTER 2021 APPLICATION DEADLINE

APRIL 30, 2020

INFORMATION SESSIONS THROUGHOUT APRIL

ON ZOOM

CHECK WEBSITE FOR SCHEDULE

CAPPP.UCLA.EDU/QUARTER-IN-WASHINGTON
REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

1. Application Form - Submit online.

2. Short Essay - Submit online.
Submit a well-written, well-organized, one-page, single-spaced essay on the topic and question you wish to research in Washington. Your essay might focus on a current domestic policy question, an international issue, an economic or sociological phenomenon, a historical question, or a politically relevant debate in art or literature—any topic that has national or international political or policy implications. Please give this essay a title and include your name, but exclude your student ID number. For more detailed guidelines on the essay, please see the “Essay Writing Guide,” available from the CAPPP office and on the CAPPP Quarter in Washington website.

3. Resume - Submit online.
Submit a one-page resume, listing educational and work experiences, any special skills, honors, or awards, and other experience such as internships, study abroad or volunteer work. It is not necessary to state a career objective. Do not include any activities or jobs from high school. Be sure to include an email address and telephone number.

4. Letter(s) of Recommendation - Submitted online by recommender or via email to cwald@cappp.ucla.edu.
Submit at least one letter of recommendation, preferably from a UCLA professor who knows your writing, thinking, and academic performance. A letter from a professor in your area of interest is best. A letter from a TA or employer is acceptable. You can submit additional letters if you wish. If chosen to participate in the program, you will be asked to submit a second letter of recommendation to assist in internship placement. We recommend that you secure this second letter as early as possible.

All letters must be written on OFFICIAL STATIONERY of department, organization, etc., and addressed “To Whom It May Concern.” PLEASE NOTE: All letters of recommendation must either be submitted online by the recommender, sent to directly to CAPPP by the recommender by mail, or emailed by the recommender cwald@cappp.ucla.edu. We will not accept letters directly from the applicant. Letters must be received by the application deadline.

5. Unofficial Transcript - Submit online.
Include a current UNOFFICIAL transcript, available as a pdf from your My.UCLA.edu account. This is NOT a DAR. If you are a transfer student, provide unofficial transcripts of all course work at your previous institution.

6. Dean’s Certification: Consideration for admission to the CAPPP Quarter in Washington Program is contingent upon review from the UCLA Office of the Dean of Students. Upon receipt of your application, we will contact the Office of the Dean of Students to request a “Dean Certification.” A Dean’s Certification is verification of a student’s disciplinary history at the institution. It is completed in accordance with the guidelines in the UCLA Student Conduct Code. In some cases, students must also complete a second portion that requires certification of their academic history or progress. Please note, the UCLA Office of the Dean of Students will charge a $5.00 fee for a Dean’s Certification Letter. This fee will be charged to your BruinBill account.

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT:
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April 2020—March 2021
QUARTER IN WASHINGTON PROGRAM
UCLA Center for American Politics and Public Policy

Winter 2021
Application Form

LAST NAME
FIRST NAME
MIDDLE INITIAL

UCLA ID# ______________________
BIRTH DATE ____________________
GENDER: □ Male  □ Female □ Other

LOCAL MAILING ADDRESS
CITY ZIp CODE
PERMANENT (PARENT) ADDRESS
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PERSONAL PHONE NUMBER
EMERGENCY CONTACT/PARENT PHONE NUMBER
E-MAIL ADDRESS

MAJOR(S) MINOR(S)/SPECIALIZATION(S) YEAR IN SCHOOL (E.G. JR., SR.)
CUMULATIVE UCLA GPA ________
EXPECTED GRADUATION (MONTH & YEAR) ________
HAVE YOU FILED A FAFSA FOR 2020-21? □ YES □ NO

ARE YOU A FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT (FIRST IN YOUR FAMILY TO ATTEND COLLEGE)? □ YES □ NO

ETHNICITY:
□ AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE
□ BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN
□ CHICANO/ MEXICAN AMERICAN
□ CHINESE/CHINESE AMERICAN
□ EAST INDIAN/PAKISTANI
□ FILIPINO/FILIPINO AMERICAN
□ JAPANESE/JAPANESE AMERICAN
□ KOREAN/KOREAN AMERICAN
□ LATINO/ OTHER SPANISH AMERICAN
□ OTHER ASIAN
□ PACIFIC ISLANDER/ MICRO/ POLYNESIAN
□ WHITE/ CAUCASIAN
□ OTHER
□ DECLINE TO ANSWER

NAME OF RECOMMENDER ________________________________________________
RECOMMENDER’S EMAIL ADDRESS __________________________________________

OPTIONAL: NAME OF 2nd RECOMMENDER ___________________________________
2nd RECOMMENDER’S EMAIL ADDRESS _______________________________________

List three (3) internships that interest you:
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
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How did you hear about CAPPP? □ Flyer □ Class Announcement □ Friend □ Email □ Counselor □ Other

The following items must be submitted with this signed application form OR online:
• Essay: One page, single-spaced, presenting a proposed research project;
• Resume: Not to exceed one page;
• Letter(s) of Recommendation: Submitted online by recommender; or by mail in a sealed envelope, signed across seal by recommender; or via email from the recommender to cwald@cappp.ucla.edu;
• Unofficial Transcript: NOT a DAR; unofficial transcripts are available as pdf through My.UCLA.edu;
• Other Transcripts: If you have transferred from another school, please include unofficial transcripts.
• Dean’s Certification: Applicants must authorize CAPPP to obtain a Dean’s Certification through the UCLA Office of the Dean of Students. This certification will result in a release of information to CAPPP regarding disciplinary action, per the reporting guidelines outlined in the UCLA Student Conduct Code. The Dean of Students will charge applicants $5.00 via BruinBill for this service. Your signature on this form is your authorization for this screening.

The information I have given is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. By signing below, I understand that by submitting my application and supplemental materials, I am waiving my right to privacy under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) for the purpose of participating in this program. I also waive my rights under FERPA to view any and all documents associated with my application. I understand that applicants will be screened through UCLA Residential Life and through the UCLA Office of the Dean of Students. If selected to participate in the program, I grant CAPPP the right to use my image in its advertising and marketing.

Signature __________________________________________ Date ___________________

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