## Internships by Subject: *Intelligence, Defense Reform, Counterterrorism*

### Business Executives for National Security

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<td>Business Executives for National Security is a highly respected national, nonpartisan organization of senior executives dedicated to enhancing the United States’ national security using the successful models of the private sector. BENS is committed to expanding the business-government partnerships it has fostered over the past two decades into all aspects of homeland security: helping to guard against cyber attack, tracking terrorists’ financial assets, securing the nation’s ports, and preparing state and local governments to deal with catastrophic events or terrorist attacks.</td>
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<td><strong>Location:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Website:</strong></td>
<td><a href="http://www.bens.org/contact-us/employment-internships.html">http://www.bens.org/contact-us/employment-internships.html</a></td>
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<td><strong>Compensation:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Duration:</strong></td>
<td>Fall (September-December), Spring (January-May), Summer (June-August)</td>
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<td><strong>Eligibility:</strong></td>
<td>Strong writing and research skills, interest in national security issues, computer and internet literacy</td>
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<td><strong>Description:</strong></td>
<td>Interns participate in substantive research and writing assignments in one or more of the organization’s major policy areas, including homeland security, cyber security, port security, terrorist finance, nonproliferation, and defense reform. In addition to tracking and analyzing policy, interns have the opportunity to attend Congressional hearings, meet with key governmental figures, and interact with senior business executives who are members of BENS.</td>
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<td><strong>Subject areas:</strong></td>
<td>Homeland Security, Cyber Security, Port Security, Counterterrorism, Economic Policy, Nonproliferation, Defense Reform</td>
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### Center for Arms Control and Nonproliferation

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<td>The Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation is a non-profit, non-partisan research organization dedicated to enhancing international peace and security in the 21st century. The Center works to reduce nuclear weapons, increase nonproliferation efforts, optimize national security spending, and halt the spread of biological and chemical weapons.</td>
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<td><strong>Location:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Compensation:</strong></td>
<td>Monthly stipend of $500</td>
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<td><strong>Duration:</strong></td>
<td>Fall, Spring, or Summer, 32 hours/week (full time) or part time</td>
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<td><strong>Eligibility:</strong></td>
<td>Undergraduate students in junior or senior year, or graduate students</td>
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**Description:** Interns have the opportunity to attend Congressional hearings and briefings on international security, analyze pending legislation on international issues, conduct research and write analyses, commentaries, and blog posts for the Center, and assist with administrative tasks.

**Subject areas:** WMD, Iran, Iraq, Missile Defense, Defense Reform, Nonproliferation, North Korea, Counterterrorism, National Security

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**Central Intelligence Agency**

**Organization website:** [https://www.cia.gov/](https://www.cia.gov/)

CIA engages in research, development, and deployment of high-leverage technology for intelligence purposes. CIA serves as an independent source of analysis on topics of concern and also works closely with the other organizations in the Intelligence Community to ensure that the intelligence consumer, whether Washington policymaker or battlefield commander, receives the best intelligence possible.

**Location:** Washington, DC

**Website:** [https://www.cia.gov/careers/student-opportunities/index.html](https://www.cia.gov/careers/student-opportunities/index.html)

**Application:** [https://www.cia.gov/careers/student-opportunities/index.html#appinfo](https://www.cia.gov/careers/student-opportunities/index.html#appinfo)

**Compensation:** Paid

**Duration:** One semester and one summer internship or two 90-day summer internships

**Eligibility:** U.S. citizen, 3.0 GPA or better, foreign language skills, previous international residency, and military experience are a plus

**Description:** Interns are provided with the opportunity to gain practical experience related to their field of study within the CIA.

**Subject areas:** National Security, Intelligence

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**Council on Foreign Relations**

**Organization website:** [http://www.cfr.org/](http://www.cfr.org/)

The Council on Foreign Relations is an independent, nonpartisan membership organization, think tank, and publisher dedicated to being a resource for its members, government officials, business executives, journalists, educators and students, civic and religious leaders, and other interested citizens in order to help them better understand the world and the foreign policy choices facing the United States and other countries. The CFR also publishes *Foreign Affairs*, the preeminent journal of international affairs and U.S. foreign policy.

**Location:** Washington, DC and New York, NY

**Website:** [http://www.cfr.org/about/career_opportunities/internships.html](http://www.cfr.org/about/career_opportunities/internships.html)

**Application:** [http://www.cfr.org/about/career_opportunities/apply.html](http://www.cfr.org/about/career_opportunities/apply.html)

**Compensation:** Unpaid, small stipend to offset travel expenses

**Duration:** Fall or Spring (part time), Summer (full time)

**Eligibility:** Undergraduate or graduate students
Description: Internships at the CFR are geared toward students studying international relations and who are considering a career in foreign policy or a related field. The responsibilities of an intern generally consist of administrative work, program coordination, research, editing, and writing. Specific work and project areas vary based on availability.


Department of Homeland Security National Security Summer Program

Organization website: http://www.dhs.gov/
The Department of Homeland Security was primarily established to provide a unifying core for the vast national network of organizations and institutions involved in efforts to secure the nation. The goals of the Department of Homeland Security are to continue to protect the nation from dangerous people and goods; to protect critical infrastructure; to build an effective emergency response system and a culture of preparedness; and to strengthen and unify DHS operations and management.

Location: Washington, DC

Website: http://www.nationalsecurityinternship.com

Application: http://www.nationalsecurityinternship.com/apply.asp

Compensation: Unpaid, all expenses for the program are covered

Duration: Summer, nine weeks

Eligibility: Undergraduate juniors or seniors or graduate students, U.S. citizen, basic knowledge of Arabic required, minimum 3.0 GPA

Description: The National Security Internship Program aims to foster a direct career path to the Department of Homeland Security or the FBI for students of Arabic and national security, or related areas. This intensive nine-week, full immersion summer program for qualified undergraduate and graduate candidates from throughout the U.S. that combines Arabic language, Middle Eastern studies, Homeland Security and Intelligence Seminars, and an on-the-job-training internship at DHS or FBI headquarters.

Subject areas: Homeland Security, Intelligence, Middle East

Institute for National Strategic Studies

Organization website: http://www.ndu.edu/inss/

Established by the Department of Defense, the INSS aims to produce objective, timely, and rigorously grounded research on emerging strategic and regional security trends that pose longer-term challenges for U.S. national security and raise complex trade-offs for policy-makers and the American public. Accordingly, the Institute attempts to ensure that it addresses the issues identified by senior leaders as of immediate importance to them as well as challenges for which U.S. leaders must be prepared in the future.

Location: Washington, DC
Website: [http://www.ndu.edu/inss/index.cfm?secID=22&pageID=126&type=section](http://www.ndu.edu/inss/index.cfm?secID=22&pageID=126&type=section)
Compensation: Unpaid
Duration: Fall, Spring, or Summer
Eligibility: Undergraduate or graduate students, must be eligible to work in the U.S., computer and internet proficiency
Description: Interns have the opportunity to work on a variety of research topics, both regional and thematic. INSS offers a wide range of research activities, which gives interns the opportunity to participate in meetings and conferences around Washington, assist in library and internet research, and create daily news briefings. Interns may also meet government officials and subject matter experts, attend congressional hearings, or participate in symposia hosted by the National Defense University. For more information on specific project areas and internships assignments please visit the INSS website.
>>Subject areas: National Security, Latin America, East Asia, Middle East, Defense Reform

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<th>International Institute for Strategic Studies</th>
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<td>The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), based in London, is the world’s leading authority on political-military conflict. The IISS is the primary source of accurate, objective information on international strategic issues for politicians and diplomats, foreign affairs analysts, international business, economists, the military, defense commentators, journalists, academics and the informed public. The Institute is independent, owing no allegiance to any governments or any political or other organizations. The IISS stresses rigorous research with a forward-looking policy orientation and places particular emphasis on bringing new perspectives to strategic discussions.</td>
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<td>Compensation: Unpaid</td>
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<td>Description: Interns will gain direct exposure to the work and management of the IISS, a leading think-tank with a multinational presence. Interns will be required to perform administrative duties, research, and assist with event and media management.</td>
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<td>&gt;&gt;Subject areas: International Security, Intelligence, Nonproliferation, Counterterrorism, Energy, Climate, and the Environment</td>
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| National Security Agency Intelligence Analysis Summer Program |
Organization website: http://www.nsa.gov/
The National Security Agency has provided timely information to U.S. decision makers and military leaders for more than half a century. NSA is unique among the U.S. defense agencies because of its government-wide responsibilities. NSA provides products and services to the Department of Defense, the Intelligence Community, government agencies, industry partners, and select allies and coalition partners. In addition, NSA delivers critical strategic and tactical information to war planners and war fighters.

Location: Fort Meade, MD
Website: http://www.nsa.gov/careers/opportunities_4_u/students/undergraduate/iasp.shtml
Application: http://www.nsa.gov/careers/opportunities_4_u/students/undergraduate/iasp.shtml
Compensation: Paid, benefits, trip reimbursement
Duration: 12-week summer program, late May-mid August
Eligibility: Rising undergraduate seniors only, U.S. citizen, minimum 3.0 GPA preferred
Description: Intensive training program in intelligence analysis, including formal classroom instruction, workshops, and facilities tours. The program is designed to build knowledge of the NSA, the Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) process, and the U.S. Intelligence community. Training is combined with an apprenticeship with senior NSA analysts.

>>Subject areas: National Security, Intelligence

National Security Archive

Organization website: http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/index.html
The National Security Archive is an independent non-governmental research institute and library located at The George Washington University. The Archive collects and publishes declassified documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act. The Archive also serves as a repository of government records on a wide range of topics pertaining to the national security, foreign, intelligence, and economic policies of the United States.

Location: Washington, DC
Website: http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/nsa/archive/intern.html
Application: http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/nsa/archive/intern.html
Compensation: Unpaid
Duration: Fall, Spring, or Summer, part time (12-15 hours/week)
Eligibility: Undergraduate or graduate students at any level
Description: Each intern is assigned to work with a staff analyst on a specific research project. Assignments generally include building chronologies of events, helping obtain, order and catalog government documents, assisting with data entry, and performing library and archival research. Interns have the opportunity to gain a solid body of knowledge in their project area, as well as a familiarity with the resources available for foreign policy research in Washington and how to obtain documents through the Freedom of Information Act.

>>Subject areas: National Security, Foreign Policy, Economic Policy, Public Policy, Intelligence
World Policy Institute

Organization website: http://www.worldpolicy.org/

The World Policy Institute is a non-partisan source of informed policy leadership that develops and champions policies based on a progressive and global point of view. WPI focuses on complex challenges that demand cooperative policy solutions to achieve, including an inclusive and sustainable global market economy; engaged global civic participation and effective governance; and collaborative approaches to national and global security.

Location: Washington, DC

Website: http://www.worldpolicy.org/wpi/internship.html

Application: http://www.worldpolicy.org/wpi/internship.html

Compensation: Unpaid

Duration: Fall, Spring, or Summer

Eligibility: Undergraduate students of any level

Description: Interns have the opportunity to gain practical experience in policy research and advocacy on international issues by assisting with the production of the World Policy Journal, conducting research for the Institute’s senior fellows, and assisting with a variety of tasks involved in the operations of a respected center for innovative policy analysis and thought leadership.

Subject areas: Democracy and Human Rights, National Security, Counterterrorism, Latin America, Global Economy, Russia, Foreign Policy