



SUMMER 2025

Wiesenthal Government Advocacy Internship

Application and Information

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For the summer of 2025, the Simon Wiesenthal Center is proud to announce the third year of its one of a kind, local Government Advocacy Internship Program, centered on encouraging and educating the next generation of Jewish leaders as to the mechanisms of advocacy in international affairs via exposure to state and municipal governments, politics, grassroots activism, and advocacy. The program will select up to twenty-five college and graduate school-aged students from the New York, Connecticut, and New Jersey regions.

Program Description

- Interns will have the opportunity to receive **hands-on experience** through internship placements in the offices of local & state legislators and governmental agencies.
- Interns will participate in **weekly intensive workshop sessions** with elected officials, top lobbyists, coalition builders, and high-level Jewish communal leaders to develop the skills necessary to become effective activists.
- Interns will be **partnered with mentors** who are successful in shaping front-line policy decisions and who are renowned in their fields to gain insight and guidance from an insider perspective.

Selected participants will be eligible to earn academic credit by enrolling in a seminar and internship course on their college campus.

Program Requirements

1. The Simon Wiesenthal Center's Government Advocacy Internship Program will span a period of **eight (8) weeks over each summer**.
2. Participants will be required to commit at least **four days a week** for their internship **during regular business hours**, as well as **one weekly dinner/evening workshop session**.
3. The program will include an **orientation with the Eastern Director** of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, along with **weekly advocacy training workshop dinner sessions**, to be scheduled throughout the internships.

At the successful completion of the program's minimum requirements, participants will be provided a financial stipend of \$1500.

Program Eligibility

The program is open to any college or graduate level student who has a minimum standing of rising college freshman. Students who wish to be considered should demonstrate an interest in public policy and a commitment to the future of Jewish communal advocacy.

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**Applications must be submitted to the
Simon Wiesenthal Center-New York Office
swcny@wiesenthal.com by March 31, 2025**

Please type or print clearly.

Name: _____

Sex: _____

Home Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Email: _____

Current Academic Standing:

☐ Freshman

☐ Sophomore

☐ Junior

☐ Senior

Expected Standing Next Fall:

☐ Freshman

☐ Sophomore

☐ Junior

☐ Senior

Name of College: _____

Major: _____

Degree: _____

Date Expected / Received: _____

Current Cumulative GPA: _____

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The Simon Wiesenthal Center Government Advocacy Internship will expose students to public policy, legislation, and advocacy to combat antisemitism, fight bigotry and stereotyping, and ensure proper legal and de-facto treatment of the Jewish community across the international policy spectrum.

This program will serve as a critical tool in preparing next-generation Jewish Community leaders to impact, and advocate on issues that affect communal interests.

***In a separate narrative no longer than 1,000 words, please respond to the following items.**

- A -- Describe why you would like to be a Simon Wiesenthal Center Government Advocacy Intern.
- B -- Describe the areas of public policy that interest you most, and why.
- C -- To what extent has your academic and work experience helped to prepare you for this assignment?

Please list any academic honors you have received and/or extracurricular activities in which you are involved:

Describe your long-term professional goals:

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***Please provide two references (One of which should be from a faculty member) evaluating your ability to serve as an intern in the Simon Wiesenthal Center Government Advocacy Internship Program. Please submit the recommendations with your application.**

***Please attach a resume that includes your current phone number and email.**

Application checklist:

- ☐ Transcript
- ☐ Completed application (three pages)
- ☐ Narrative (no longer than 1,000 words)
- ☐ Two Letters of Recommendation (one from a faculty member)
- ☐ Resume

All of the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that all materials submitted with this application will not be returned and are for use in connection with my acceptance and placement in the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Government Advocacy Internship Program. I have answered all questions as directed and enclosed all of the required supporting documents. I will notify the program immediately if I withdraw my application for any reason.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____