THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



Empowering the Next Generation of Local Leaders

The National League of Cities (NLC) is dedicated to strengthening local governance and empowering communities across the nation. Through our Internship Program, we provide students and young professionals with

the opportunity to gain hands-on experience, develop critical skills and contribute to meaningful projects that impact cities, towns and villages nationwide.

WHY INTERN WITH NLC?

AS AN NLC INTERN, YOU WILL:

- Gain real-world experience in public policy, municipal operations, advocacy and communications.
- Work alongside subject matter experts, policymakers and municipal leaders.
- Participate in professional development workshops and networking events.

- Contribute to projects that support communities nationwide.
- Explore different career paths and get insight into what they entail.
- Expand your professional network.
- Most NLC internships are paid. We are happy to work with your school to provide information needed to determine if students can receive course credit.

INTERNSHIP FOCUS AREAS



LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION, ADVANCEMENT & DEVELOPMENT (LEAD)

Support initiatives that empower local leaders through training, education and professional development programs.

Work on leadership summits, workshops and mentorship opportunities that shape the future of municipal governance.



MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Dive into innovative solutions that address city challenges. Interns in this area assist in developing strategies that help municipalities improve governance, sustainability and community resilience.

INTERNSHIP FOCUS AREAS



MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

Help craft compelling narratives that amplify NLC's mission. Interns in this area contribute to digital campaigns, social media strategy, press releases and content creation that engages local leaders and the public.



OPERATIONS

Get hands-on experience in the backbone of NLC's daily functions. Work in administrative support, event planning and organizational management to keep NLC running smoothly.



FEDERAL ADVOCACY

Engage directly with national policymakers to advance the interests of cities. Interns in this area track legislative developments, support advocacy campaigns and assist in policy research to ensure cities have a strong voice in Washington, D.C.



FINANCE

Gain insights into financial management within a nonprofit organization. Interns assist with budgeting, accounting and financial planning to support NLC's operations and funding initiatives.



HUMAN RESOURCES

Support HR professionals in recruitment, employee engagement and workforce development. Help shape an inclusive and dynamic work environment while gaining experience in talent management.



RESEARCH & DATA

Analyze trends and collect data that inform municipal policy and decision-making. Interns in this area work on reports, surveys and case studies that provide valuable insights for local leaders.



MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

Focus on programs and strategies that help our team recruit, retain and engage our members. Learn about our strategic partnerships and how we work with the state leagues across the country.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Work closely with NLC's leadership team to support high-level strategy and organizational priorities.

Interns in this area gain exposure to executive decision-making and board engagement.

APPLY TODAY!

Join us in shaping the future of America's cities. **Learn more and apply** at bit.ly/CareersatNLC

