London Sample Internship List – Politics

INDUSTRY DESCRIPTION:

Students who are applying for an internship in Politics should ideally have accumulated some knopwledge of the UK political structures and systems. In addition knowledge of the US political system would be advantageous. Previous office experience is an advantage although not essential and it is important that students have strong written and oral communication skills. Applicants should also include details of relevant coursework and any previous experience in their application.

EXAMPLES OF PAST PLACEMENTS (Please note that the following sites are a brief cross-section of current CAPA internship host sites and should not be considered as a guarantied location for your placement. All internship & service learning placements will be dependent upon each individual applicant's application documents, prior experiences, demonstrated skills and their aspirations and goals.)

Campaign Company	The Campaign Company is a provider of communication and insight consultancy for public sector providers in the UK. They have a list of over 250 clients, including central government departments and are a values-based organisation and work towards a social good in all of their projects.
Civil Service College	Civil Service College is a training provider that specialises in governance, government and public administration. Their tutors are former civil servants that have extensive experience as practitioners and teaching experience at the former National School of Government.
Commonwealth Policy Studies Unit	The Commonwealth Policy Studies Unit is a think-tank for the Commonwealth of 53 nations. It fulfils its mission primarily through ongoing programmes for externally funded research projects, a series of events, and an extensive body of briefings and publications. The head office is in London. It aims to be present throughout the Commonwealth, working wherever possible with people and agencies in local communities.
Labour Party	The Labour Party is a party of government in the UK. It is a democratic socialist organisation left of centre and equating in the US to the Democrats. Students have the opportunity to work in an MP's Office where they can gain valuable insight into the British political system and the work carried out by an MP.

Local Government Association	Based in Westminster, close to the Houses of Parliament and Whitehall, the Local Government Association is a voluntary lobbying organisation, acting as the voice of the local government sector, and an authoritative and effective advocate on its behalf.
The Green Party	The Green Party of England and Wales promotes the policies of ecological sustainability, a fairer more stable economy, a more equal society, a higher standard of democracy and accountability of politicians to the communities they serve, and social justice on the global level as well as in our own country.

POTENTIAL PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

Project opportunities will be dependent upon the current needs within the organisation and the demonstrated skills and abilities shown by each intern. It is imperative to remember that project opportunities will develop over time and throughout internship placements. Projects may include but are not limited to:

Policy Work & Campaigning – Media Work - Information Dissemination – Research – Vox Pops - Report Writing - Written & Oral Communication – Membership Enquiries & Administration – Press Releases – Survey Analysis

TRANSFERABLE SKILL SETS

It is essential to maximise every opportunity within the internship placements. If tasks and duties are approached in a professional manner, interns can take away additions skills and abilities that will be of benefit to their personal and professional development. Transferable skills sets include but are not limited to:

Effective Written & Oral Communication – Accuracy & Attention to Detail – Independent Work & Self-Reliance - Teamwork – Administrative Skills – Understanding of the British Political System – Research & Information Gathering – Planning & Organisation - Networking