

Certificate of Advanced Study in Postconflict Reconstruction

INTERNSHIP & CAPSTONE EXPECTATIONS

All students enrolled in SPL's Certificate of Advance Study in Postconflict Reconstruction (CAS in PCR) must complete a three-credit internship or—for MPA students only—a Capstone Project that is relevant to the field of Postconflict Reconstruction. All prospective CAS in PCR students are advised to start this planning process as early as possible.

Internship Criteria

For an internship to count toward the CAS in PCR, it must:

- 1) Be with an organization whose mission or mandate carries a component directed at engagement within nations experiencing or emerging from conflict. This includes, but is not limited to, international organizations (i.e., UN, UNHCR, UNDP, UNICEF, WFP, OCHA, NATO, OECD, ICRC, ICC, and the World Bank); NGOs (i.e., CARE, Action Aid, Oxfam, Inter Action); Government Agencies (i.e., US Dept. of State, USAID, US Dept. of Defense, and Congress); research organizations and think tanks (i.e., USIP, PKSOI, RAND, CSIS, and Brookings). A more complete list of possible organizations is provided below.
- 2) The student's internship job description must contribute toward a PCR-related mission area.
- 3) Students must complete a minimum of 250 HOURS, over a period of at least seven weeks for the summer term and 12 weeks for the fall or spring terms, on the job for a corresponding three academic credits. Faculty Sponsors or Program Directors may increase these requirements, accordingly.

MPA Students

Given the 12-month constraints of the MPA Curriculum, MPA students pursuing the CAS in PCR must participate in a Capstone Project related to the field. To assure adequate capstone opportunities, MPA students must enroll in the CAS program no later than December 15.

Law Students

Due to unique law curriculum requirements, independent studies are only offered in one and two-credit increments. Law students pursuing the CAS in PCR are to proceed with their internship as a two-credit independent study under the advisement of SPL's Director or other faculty member, and then follow up with a one-credit independent study in the following semester with a predetermined deliverable.

IR Students

IR students pursuing the CAS in PCR will generally use this opportunity to coincide with their IR internship experience and will work with both SPL and the IR staff to ensure their internship meets the criteria for both programs.

Other Graduate Students

All other graduate students will pursue their internship by enrolling for three credits of independent study within their home program.

Students with Significant Experience

If you are currently enrolled in any one of the Maxwell School's graduate or executive education programs and you possess a minimum of three years of substantial, relevant experience in the field of PCR, you may be allowed to take an additional PCR elective course among those listed in lieu of the three-credit internship or capstone requirement.

To gain approval for such a waiver, you must write a petition letter to the SPL Director with a full explanation of the nature and duration of your professional experience. Typically, this experience involves prior service in government, military, international, or non-governmental organizations working in PCR environments.

Instructions

Each student is individually responsible for securing a relevant internship. This responsibility includes informing both SPL and the student's primary program advisor of his or her internship plan. SPL and other program staff will advise students in this process, but the task itself lies with each student. The [International Relations program website](#) provides helpful resources for students seeking out internships.

- 1) Before completing the residence portion of graduate study, students must find a faculty member in their program willing to serve as the Faculty Sponsor for the internship. For established internship programs, the Program or Internship Director is responsible for ensuring students having a faculty sponsor.
- 2) If completing the internship as an independent study, students must complete an Experience Credit proposal form with their home program. This form outlines the objectives of the internship and the criteria for assigning a grade. This form must be signed by the Faculty Sponsor and the Director of the student's home program, and then submitted to SU Abroad if going abroad on a SU Abroad-administered program, and to IR if an IR-administered program. Students must provide any required written work or other materials to the faculty sponsor in a timely basis upon completion of the internship.
- 3) Before departing campus for the internship, students must file an Internship Information Form with SPL, found on the [CAS in PCR webpage](#).
- 4) Upon completion of the internship, students must obtain a written evaluation by their supervisor and provide SPL with a copy, in addition to meeting any other requirements from the student's home program.

If you have questions, contact SPL at 315.443.2284, or securitypolicylaw@law.syr.edu, or visit us at Suite 300 in Dineen Hall.

Suggested PCR Internship Organizations

Academy for Educational Development
Africa Action
Africa America Institute
American Arab Discrimination Committee
American Bar Association
American Defense Institute
American Enterprise Institute
American Foreign Policy Council
American Hellenic Institute
American Task Force on Palestine
American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee
Amnesty International
ANSER Institute
Anti-Defamation League
Arms Control Association
Atlantic Council of the United States
Axios International (Europe)
Bonn International Center for Conversion (Europe)
Bread for the World
Business Executives for National
Cato Institute
Center for Defense Information
Center for Global Development
Center for International Policy
Center for Nonproliferation Studies
Center for Security Policy
Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments
Center for Strategic and International Studies
Center for Women Policy Studies
Citizens for Global Solutions
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
Control Risks
Council for Excellence in Government
Council for the National Interest
Council on Hemispheric Affairs
Counterpart International, Inc.
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Education for Peace in Iraq Center
Ethiopian Community Development Council, Inc.
European Centre for Minority Issues (Europe)
Foundation for the Defense of Democracies
Freedom House
Friends Committee on National Legislation
Gerson Lehrman Group
Global Health Advocates
Global Health Council
Global Impact
Global Giving
Greenpeace USA
Guatemala Human Rights Commission/USA
Henry L. Stimson Center
Hudson Institute, Inc.
Human Rights Watch
Initiative for Inclusive Security
Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy
Institute for National Strategic Studies
Institute for Policy Studies
Institute for Security Studies, European Union (Europe)
Institute of Foreign Policy Analysis
Institute of World Affairs
Intellibridge Corporation
InterAction
International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development
International Committee of the Red Cross
International Organization on Migration
Jane's Consultancy
Japan Information Access Project
The Jerusalem Fund
John Snow Inc.
Labourer's International Union of North America
Landmine Survivors Network
Latin America Working Group
MercyCorps
Middle East Research and Information Project
National Defense Council Foundation
National Defense University
National Peace Corps Association
National Security Archive
NATO Headquarters
The Nixon Center
Office of Naval Intelligence
Office of the Secretary of Defense
One World Trust
Organization of American States
Pan African Capital Group
Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute (PKSOI)
Peace Action
Peace Research Institute Frankfurt
Polaris Project
Project Hope
RAND Corporation
Refugees International
Resources for the Future
Results International
Save Darfur Coalition
Search for Common Ground
Sister Cities International
The Rothkopf Group
TransAfrica Forum
The U.S. Baltic Foundation
U.S. Central Intelligence Agency
U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom
U.S. Institute for Peace (USIP)
UN Conference on Trade and Development Europe
UN Foundation
UN High Commissioner for Refugees
UN Institute for Disarmament Research
UN Office on Drugs and Crime
UN University NYC
Union of Councils for Soviet Jews
United Palestinian Appeal
Washington Office on Africa
White House Intern Program
Woodrow Wilson Center
Wolf Trap Foundation
Women Strike for Peace
Work, Achievement, Values, and Education, Inc.
The World Bank
World Federalist Association
World Jurist Association
World Resources Institute
World Security Institute
Worldwatch Institute