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Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) The Pat Roberts Intelligence Scholars Program (PRISP)

More information available at <http://www.cia.gov/employment/student.html#dograd>

Graduate Studies Program

The CIA's Graduate Studies program looks for bright graduate students who are focusing on international affairs, languages, economics, geography, cartography, physical sciences and engineering. Other majors may be accepted on a case-by-case basis. Students selected for this program should be entering either their first or second year of graduate studies following this assignment.

You will become acquainted with the work of professional intelligence analysts through active participation in Agency projects with the potential to have selected pieces of your work disseminated throughout the Intelligence Community. The program allows the Agency to assess your skills and knowledge as they relate to permanent employment opportunities.

The Pat Roberts Intelligence Scholars Program (PRISP) is a program through which highly qualified undergraduate or graduate students who plan to work at the CIA may compete for a \$25,000 one-year scholarship to help fund their studies.

The Directorate of Intelligence (DI) is accepting applications from students with the following academic areas of study:

- Advanced area expertise in China, Middle East, Korea, Central Asia, the Caucasus; or
- Advanced topical expertise in counterterrorism, Islamic studies, physical sciences (biology, chemistry, microbiology), engineering (aerospace, biomedical, chemical, electrical, nuclear), computer engineering, or computer science.
- In addition to the above, language training or proficiency, particularly in Chinese, Arabic, Persian, Urdu, Pashtun, Dari, Korean, or a Central Asian or Caucasian language such as Georgian, Turkmen, Tajik, or Uzbek, is highly desirable and adds a significant competitive edge to the application.
- Highly qualified applicants with expertise in financial security, international banking, international migration, religious conflicts, and international organizations may also be considered.

In the Objective field of the resume form, you must outline the specific program of study to be undertaken.

The Agency is looking for undergraduate and graduate students who meet all of these requirements:

- US citizen;

- Acceptance into or are applying to a graduate degree program for the 2005-2006 academic year in one of the above areas of specialization;
- Proposed course of study must be a fulltime, two semester program of twelve credit hours per semester;
- GPA of a minimum 3.4 (on a 4.0 scale) for undergraduate and graduate studies, and maintain that minimum GPA for the duration of the scholarship;
- Students who will enter their first year of graduate study upon acceptance into this program must complete at least one summer internship; and
- Meet the same employment standards as permanent employees

PRISP Scholars may compete again for a second year of scholarship funding for a maximum of \$50,000 total scholarship funding. Upon graduation, an 18-month employment commitment is required for each year of scholarship support provided. **By applying to the PRISP, you are applying to the DI Graduate Fellows program.** If you are selected as a DI Graduate Fellow by 15 November 2006, you will be considered for the PRISP. Final scholarship selections will be made in Spring 2006. **Applicants who are not awarded a scholarship, but who successfully complete security processing; will be offered a position as a DI Graduate Fellow.**

Ongoing Opportunities

Being a participant in the CIA's student programs may be the key to your future. These programs prepare new graduates for careers at the CIA. Based on the CIA's needs, and your performance during your co-op or internship, a job offer may be extended to you upon graduation.

CIA also partners with a number of diversity-focused organizations to give all students an opportunity to contribute to our national security. These organizations include InRoads, the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU), and the National Association for Equal Opportunities in Higher Education (NAFEO). For more information, please contact each organization directly.

Application Information

Students are eligible for the range of employee benefits including health and life insurance, retirement investment options, paid federal holidays, annual and sick leave, and possible tuition assistance.

We encourage you to discuss CIA opportunities with your on-campus career advisor or internship/co-op program coordinator and to check your school's schedule for recruiting events.

We ask students to apply six to nine months prior to their availability to allow for processing. Eligible applicants should [submit a resume online](#).

For questions about student opportunities, please call 1-800-368-3886.

DO Graduate Student Intern

This internship program is offered as either a one six-month student internship, or as a student internship consisting of two three-month sessions. Six-month internships begin in either January or July; students selecting the two three-month option will be able to select the start times for the sessions. Graduate students enter the program at the GS-7, step 6 pay grade, with benefits. Those participating in the DO Student Intern Program will not be given college credit.

Assistance is available for students who need help finding housing. Interns will be assigned to work in one of the DO's regional and transnational issues divisions for the duration of the internship assignment. You will support intelligence reporting and the operations of the CIA's overseas stations.

All positions require relocation to the Washington, DC, metropolitan area.

During your internship, you may apply for the DO's Professional Trainee (PT) program and subsequently qualify for the Clandestine Service Trainee (CST) program. This program prepares new graduates for careers at the CIA. Based on the results of the program interviews and your performance during the internship, a job offer may be extended to you for employment upon graduation.

CIA internships are highly competitive. Students should have a strong academic record (3.0 GPA or better). Foreign language skills, previous international residency and military experience are pluses. Outstanding interpersonal skills, the ability to write clearly and accurately, and a strong interest in foreign affairs are necessary.

US Citizenship is required. Interns must successfully complete medical and polygraph examinations as well as a background investigation. Those students applying for the PT or CST programs must successfully complete a thorough medical and psychological evaluation before entering the program.

Please apply at least six months prior to your desired start date.