

Wiesenthal Government Advocacy Internship

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Applications are now open for the Simon Wiesenthal Center's 2023 Summer Government Advocacy Internship. Students selected for this highly competitive program will be introduced to the mechanics of the state and municipal government, politics, grassroots activism and advocacy. The program is based in New York City and open to all college and graduate-level students.



Wiesenthal Government Advocacy interns will:

- ▶ Receive hands-on experience through internship placements in the offices of local & state legislators and governmental agencies.
- ▶ Participate in weekly intensive workshops with elected officials, top lobbyists, coalition builders, and high-level Jewish communal leaders to develop the skills necessary to become effective activists.
- ▶ Be partnered with mentors who shape front-line policy decisions to gain insight and guidance from an insider perspective.
- ▶ Receive a stipend of \$1,500 upon completion of the program.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: MARCH 1, 2023

To apply please go to:
wiesenthal.com/GAIP2023

For more information or to have an application forwarded to you,
please contact the Eastern Director, Michael Cohen at
mcohen@wiesenthal.com
or call 212-697-1180



SUMMER 2023

Government Advocacy Internship Program

Application and Information

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Simon Wiesenthal Center Government Advocacy Internship Program

For the summer of 2023, the Simon Wiesenthal Center is proud to announce the eighth year of its one of a kind, local Government Advocacy Internship Program, centered on encouraging and educating the next generation of Jewish youth as to the mechanisms of advocacy via exposure to state and municipal government, politics and advocacy. It will serve twenty-five to fifty 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** in the offices of local legislators, governmental agencies and issue-based advocates, to **learn about mechanisms of political movement in a dynamic, intellectually rigorous environment.**

-Interns will participate in **regular workshop sessions** with elected officials, top lobbyists, issue-based advocates, and Jewish communal leaders, to understand the currents of **effective Jewish communal advocacy** through an intergovernmental approach.

-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

The Simon Wiesenthal Center's Government Advocacy Internship Program will span a period of **eight (8) weeks over each summer.**

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.**

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 span of 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 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.

Applications must be submitted to the Simon Wiesenthal Center-New York Office

swcny@wiesenthal.com by March 1, 2023

SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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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Degree: _____ Date Expected / Received: _____ Current Cumulative GPA: _____

***Applicants are to submit a current copy of their transcript from the
college they are attending.**

***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 1000 words)
- ___ Two Letters of Recommendation (one from a faculty member)
- ___ Résumé

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:** _____