

# A Day in the Life of a Grassley Intern

*Featuring the Interns of Summer Session I 2015*



“Hey, how ya doin’?” says Senator Chuck Grassley when he greets the interns every morning. This is how the daily life of an intern begins in his office, before spending another day learning about the inner workings of the United States government. It is easy to see why, when there is so much to do in each department.

The **administrative** interns help keep the office running by assisting Iowans visiting the U.S. Capitol and the numerous tours the office gives every day. “It is truly rewarding to meet with citizens of Iowa who care not only about how our country was founded but also what’s ahead,” explained administrative intern and tour guide Daniel Breitbarth.

In the **press** department, the interns help to make sure Iowans have access to information about Senator Grassley’s work in the U.S. Senate. They also accompany Senator Grassley to his television and radio interviews, as well as constituent visits. “Being in the press department is a unique experience because we

are constantly up to date on current events and issues affecting Iowans, as well as getting hands-on experience with how the senator addresses those issues on behalf of the people he’s elected to represent,” said Katelyn Schultz.

“I applied for this internship for the opportunity to see how the legislative process works firsthand,” said intern Jacy Gomez. **Legislative** interns work directly with the legislative assistants and correspondents to research various issues, bills, and laws affecting constituents. They help the senator respond to constituent letters and gather information on new legislation.

Although there is plenty to do to keep busy in the office, an internship on **the Hill** offers other learning opportunities as well. From committee hearings, to floor votes and debates, to intern lectures from prominent public figures, to meeting veterans at Iowa Honor Flight visits, to exploring the halls and tunnels of the Capitol, there are endless possibilities no matter your interests, and that is just from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

“I loved being intellectually stimulated every day by the events and people around me,” said Brandon Waring.

It’s true: There is never a dull moment in **the nation’s capital**. For interns, nights and weekends provide plenty of opportunities to explore and experience the atmosphere of Washington, D.C. You can attend free jazz concerts, meander through the vast Smithsonian museums, get lost in Georgetown, travel to the top of the Washington Monument, and eat pounds of ice cream, donuts, and Senate Cafeteria delicacies. There are always new people to meet and new places to explore; the possibilities are endless.

“I would definitely do this internship again for I learn something new every week, and there is so much more to learn and indulge in on Capitol Hill,” said Connor Skahill.

**Gratifying, engaging, inspiring, opening, educational, and unforgettable** – these are just some of the words that begin to sum up the Washington, D.C., experience.

