The Matsui Center engages Cal students in public life through internships, public events, and the presence of distinguished campus visitors. A component of the Institute of Governmental Studies, California’s oldest public policy research institute, the Matsui Center serves as a fitting legacy to Congressman Robert T. Matsui and his belief that public service is a noble profession that should be open to all. The Center is strictly nonpartisan.

Matsui Local Government Fellowship

The Matsui Local Government Fellowship offers students the opportunity to get firsthand municipal experience in political and policy making communities. Each year, students selected for this program intern in a branch of local government of the student’s preference, whether it is working in a mayor’s office or interning for a local school board. The internship involves full time work for 8 weeks during the summer. To help with living costs and transportation each fellow is awarded a $2,000 stipend.

For more information visit: igs.berkeley.edu/matsui-center

Matsui Cal-in-Sacramento Fellowship

The Cal-in-Sacramento program sends approximately 30 Cal students to intern in public service in California’s capital every summer! Cal-in-Sacramento Fellows enroll in a Spring course on California politics and policy, followed by an eight-week summer internship in Sacramento in the offices of Senate and Assembly members, the governor’s office, state agencies, or nonprofit groups. The program provides free housing and transportation for students during the summer, and stipends to help defray living expenses are available on a need basis.

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Cal in the Capital supports Berkeley students who want to intern in Washington, DC. Students take a DeCal in the Spring to prepare them for their internships, and then intern in Washington from early June through the middle of August. Internships include all areas of government, think tanks, research centers, media centers, and nonprofit organizations.

For more information visit: publicservice.berkeley.edu/citc

John Gardner Public Service Fellowship
The John Gardner Public Service Fellowship selects three UC Berkeley graduating seniors annually. Fellows are given a $30,000 stipend to work for 10 months in the governmental or nonprofit organization that most closely fits their public sector interests. Past fellows have been placed at the Department of State, the Council of Economic Advisers, and the Louisiana Capital Assistance Center. Each fellow is matched with a senior-level mentor during their internship.

For more information visit: igs.berkeley.edu

UC Berkeley Washington Program (UCDC)
This semester-long program offers students the chance to intern with Congress, the White House, cabinet agencies, advocacy groups, nonprofit organizations, scientific laboratories, and the news media, while gaining firsthand exposure to the American political process and attaining valuable work experience. Students take courses at the Center and complete a comprehensive research paper based in part on their internship experiences.

For more information visit: ucdc.berkeley.edu/

Cal in Local Government
Cal in Local Government connects students and government agencies working on local issues in surrounding cities through project-based internships. Student interns build healthy communities in the East Bay while learning about local policy issues and developing their leadership and professional skills.

For more information visit: publicservice.berkeley.edu/clg

The UC Berkeley Public Service Center partners with the community, student leaders and faculty to engage students in shared learning and collaborative action for social justice through volunteering, jobs, internships, and courses. The Center is guided by five core values that shape its approach to public service at UC Berkeley: Experiential & Reflective Learning; Collaboration & Commitment; Community Wisdom; Student Agency; And Equity & Social Justice.