Summer 2015 Costs and Financial Resources

Program Cost

Recommended total budget: $3,900-$5,000
- Includes housing, airfare, transportation, food, weekend trips, etc.
- Housing: approximately $2,900
- **Non-refundable** deposit of $350 will be due in February 11, 2015 in DeCal Class
  - Checks should be made out to UC Regents with your name “Cal in the Capital” in the memo line
- Housing Payments (billed through CARS):
  - 3 monthly installments (April-July)
  - 2 installments if graduating in the Spring
  - Check-in: June 7/8 & Check-out: August 15 (please take in consideration when communicating start and end date with internship placement)

Use the Budget Calculator Worksheet to determine your personal estimated costs for the summer

Financial Resources

Jobs

Get a part time job to save for trip expenses/housing during the Spring semester
- Check out this link for more information about on-campus employment opportunities
- ResComp is also a great employment option for students
- Career Center is also a great resource for employment opportunities

Some students get part-time jobs while in DC
25% of internships are paid but are much more competitive. Many employers will offer a stipend for travel costs, commuting, etc. Keep this in mind during your internship search and search early on.

Scholarships

Start applying to scholarships NOW. Check out the Scholarship Resources document for a listing of suggested scholarships, many of which are tailored to students working in unpaid internships.

For example, *The Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens Memorial Fund for Public Service*
A small number of need-based scholarships established by family, friends, and admirers of Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens to continue his legacy of public service by supporting undergraduate students in Cal in the Capital who are pursuing a degree related to career fields in the Department of State, Foreign Service, and/or studying contemporary political transitions in Middle East. E-mail mootix87@berkeley.edu for more information.

Financial Aid

A small amount of Alumni Scholarships will be awarded based on financial need and review of financial aid records by the end of January/early February. These scholarships will go towards housing costs only and cannot be used for the housing deposit.

Summer Financial aid (FAFSA)
- Need 6 units to be eligible for financial aid (gift aid left over from this school year will go towards tuition) Other financial aid will be allocated in the form of loans.
- Go to the financial aid office for specifics on your gift aid amount
- Take 6 unit summer internship credit course (P/NP)
- Consider taking online courses for your major as well as participating in summer courses offered by DC universities. Summer courses may be offered at the UC Washington Center but they are yet to be determined and are traditionally an unpopular option amongst CITC participants. More information can be found via their website.
- Note that graduating seniors (Spring 2015) are not eligible for summer financial aid from Cal, but they are eligible for alumni scholarships

Support of Family and Friends
Begin planning early, especially around the holidays! Talk to family and friends to see if they can give you the gift of helping to finance your summer in D.C. Past students have used crowdfunding websites, such as Piggybackr or GoFundMe successfully.

Documents that will be sent via email
1. Budget Calculator Worksheet
2. Scholarship Resource Page
3. Summer 2015 Costs and Financial Resources Sheet with embedded hyperlinks (this sheet)