What is Cal in the Capital?
Cal in the Capital is a student-run internship program housed at the UC Berkeley Public Service Center. Founded in 1965, Cal in the Capital prepares over 75 UC Berkeley students for challenging summer internships in Washington D.C. each year from early June through the middle of August. Cal in the Capital interns are in demand across Washington D.C., in Congressional offices, federal agencies, think tanks, nonprofits, private corporations, government agencies, and research institutions.

A LETTER FROM THE 2015–2016 DIRECTORS
The summer of 2015 has been full of excitement for our interns, both on the Hill and after work hours. We celebrated the legalization of gay marriage, witnessed the announcements of several presidential candidates, and a few of us even caught President Obama at the Congressional Baseball Game. At every twist and turn of the summer, CITC interns were getting hands-on experience with pressing political issues, learning and working alongside the nation’s brightest political minds at congressional offices, government agencies, NGOs, think tanks, museums, newsrooms, private companies, and much more.

Our hardworking interns took a few moments to enjoy themselves as well. We attended Dr. Michael McGinnis’ annual barbeque and learned about the origins of Cal in the Capital. Many interns ventured out to Virginia for the D.C. Alumni summer picnic and had the opportunity to dine and chat with Cal Bears from all stages of life. We were also granted the unique opportunity to have a pool party at the historic Watergate Hotel, on behalf of a generous Cal in the Capital alum!

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Cal in the Capital, this treasured program continues to extend Berkeley’s influence in our nation’s capital. With your continued support, we can further strengthen the Cal community in the capital and make D.C. Bear Territory. Please read our newsletter and check out our website for updates on the program’s goals, its impact on students, and ways to get involved. Happy 50th Anniversary of Cal in the Capital and Go Bears!

Justin Germain, Alumni & Employer Outreach Director
Alana Floyd, Recruitment & Marketing Director
Anne Seymour, Academic & Events Director

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Your support makes this program possible.

To date, over 3,745 CITC interns have performed more than 1,608,489 hours of service!
“Although Cal in the Capital is focused on getting hardworking students quality internships, my experience in Washington, D.C. ended up being so much more than that. I found amazing opportunities to help those around me through my work in the office, whether it was writing research briefs on the accountability of our government or talking with Congressional offices about how they were helping ensure voting rights. Yet what truly made my internship special was what I did outside the office. One day I was attending a press conference in the Capitol, another day I was attending a Senate hearing. One of the best experiences was driving nine hours by bus to a voting rights rally in Roanoke, Virginia. I found that helping the public was more than just writing documents in an office, it included getting on the ground to fight for people. My organization was focused on giving back power to the people, and by fighting for campaign finance reform, fighting for more accountable government, and fighting for voting rights, I truly felt like I helped people through my internship.”

JUSTIN GERMAIN, COMMON CAUSE

“The thing I love about D.C. is that although it is one of the most important cities in the world, it is a welcoming place where an intern, such as myself, can quickly pick-up the pace and feel like a part of something bigger.”

SOFIA GONZALEZ PLATAS, VOTO LATINO

“Through my internship, I have been able to truly make an impact on hundreds of American businesses as well as engage with and strengthen the nation’s minority demographic. I have worked with leaders in the agency as well as members of other offices within the Department of Commerce to better understand the impact that a strong economy and business environment can have on the everyday lives of Americans. I am on the front lines, doing valuable research and engaging in projects that help business owners and the agency’s nearly 50 national Business Centers find access to capital and global markets so that their businesses and communities can thrive. And when I leave work, I am able to attend a different networking event nearly every day, so that I can learn not just about the work that the Department of Commerce is doing, but can also meet with leadership in private industry, other federal agencies, and the political arena. Between networking events, community gatherings, and coffee chats with coworkers, I have been able to learn the kind of intricacies surrounding politics and policymaking that I would never have been able to glean from any textbook or newspaper. And while my commute stays the same, every day, I learn and absorb something new. Who knows — I might just run into the president again.”

NITISHA BARONIA, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MEET THE 2015-2016 DIRECTORS

JUSTIN GERMAIN
Alumni & Employer Outreach Director (Right)

Justin is a rising junior History major, concentrating on the United States, and is pursuing a minor in Human Rights. On campus, Justin has been involved with undergraduate research in the Near Eastern Studies department and works in the residence halls as a Resident Assistant. Justin served as a Research Intern for Common Cause this past summer in Washington, D.C., focusing on ensuring and creating government accountability. He enjoyed his work in Washington, D.C. this summer and feels he has made an impact through his research position to support an organization that creates powerful changes in the local and national community.

ALANA FLOYD
Recruitment & Marketing Director (Left)

Alana is a fourth year undergraduate Political Science major and Education minor. This summer she worked at the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area as a program assistant. She was responsible for providing weekly newsletter content and was able to learn the ropes of operating a small membership non-profit organization. Upon graduation, Alana will be moving to Milwaukee to participate in Teach for America, and afterwards hopes to obtain a PhD in Educational Policy.

ANNE SEYMOUR
Academic & Events Director (Center)

Anne served as a Cal in the Capital intern during the summer of 2014 where she interned for Congresswoman Jackie Speier. This year, she is proud to step into the role as a student director and share her phenomenal experience with the program with a whole new group of Cal in the Capital interns. Anne is passionate about politics and political activism; she has been involved with the ASUC student government, the ASUC Sexual Assault Commission, and is a member of the 2015 EAVP Delegation to the United States Student Association Congress in Washington, D.C. This summer, Anne returned to Washington, D.C. as an intern for Senator Dianne Feinstein and once again, enjoyed a second exceptional summer in our nation’s capital.
STATING THE CASE FOR CITC

WHAT EMPLOYERS ARE SAYING ABOUT CITC INTERNS?

“We were so happy to have a CITC intern this year and Kelvin was great to have as part of the American Academy of Diplomacy. It was wonderful seeing him grow throughout the summer, discovering new things at work as well as around DC. We really enjoyed his eagerness to join in, work hard, and be a full member of our team.”

-Aimee Stolz, The American Academy of Diplomacy

“As a Cal in the Capital Alumna, leaving all bias aside, I can attest to how exceptionally smart and dedicated the students that the program brings to Washington, D.C. are. Because of this, I have actively recruited interns from this program. The interns I have had the pleasure to work with have been a great asset to our team (Go Bears!). I have especially enjoyed how eager they are to learn and how dedicated they are to Voto Latino’s mission of helping Latino millennials become civically engaged and of bringing Latino issues to the forefront.”

-Roxana Moreno, Voto Latino

The Financial Facts:

• It now costs each student over $4000 for the summer, just to pay for housing at the UCDC Washington Center, travel to DC, and basic living expenses.
• Very few internships are paid and spending a summer in DC becomes a large financial burden for the majority of students

How can you support an intern?

• Contribute to the Cal in the Capital Endowment ($10,000)
• Sponsor one student for the entire summer ($5,000)
• Cover one student’s summer housing expenses at the Washington Center ($3,000)
• Contribute to the CITC Alumni Scholarship Fund (any amount)
• Support our general programming (any amount)
• Annual Fundraising Need: $200,000

This year’s goals:

• Build Cal in the Capital’s endowment fund by raising $1 million for our 50th anniversary fundraising campaign with the long term goal of raising $5 million over five years to ensure Cal in the Capital is accessible for students of all financial backgrounds
• Engage alumni through mentorship program, guest speaker opportunities, alumni mixer, and collaborative events with the DC Cal Alumni Club.
• Introduce Cal students to Washington, D.C. and the spectrum of public service professional opportunities
• Provide skilled and enthusiastic interns for host-organizations through skill-based training and internship search support in Spring DeCal.

Funders:

• Associated Students of the University of California
• Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens Memorial Fund for Public Service
• Residential and Student Service Programs
• Generous support of individual alumni donors

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