

Executive Intern
Connecticut Office of the Secretary of the State

The Connecticut Office of the Secretary of the State is seeking an **Executive Intern** with a passion for civic education and civic engagement to work with Connecticut Secretary of the State Stephanie Thomas and her team. **This is a unique position that gives one student the opportunity to directly support Secretary Thomas.** The ideal duration for this internship is **June 2026 through May 2027**, but a shorter internship period may be available for the right candidate.

The unpaid internship is conducted out of the Executive Offices in the State Office Building in Hartford and supervised by the Connecticut Secretary of the State. **A hybrid schedule may be available for exceptional candidates who are unable to come into the office for part or all of the internship period.** Students have the option to receive credit for the internship by consulting with their advisors and internship directors.

Intern Responsibilities May Include:

- Conducting comprehensive, rapid response research on policies and legislation relevant to the Secretary of the State's responsibilities
- Efficiently gathering relevant information and providing concise summaries on a wide range of topics
- Conducting research on and assisting with projects related to civic engagement and civic education
- Supporting the priorities and projects of the Secretary of the State
- Accompanying the Secretary of the State to and/or staffing community events
- Creating social media content, including graphics and videos
- Preparing event briefings for the Secretary of the State
- Opportunity to create a custom project aligned with the interests of the office
- Other duties as assigned

Intern Qualifications/Skills:

- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Outstanding attention to detail
- Self-motivated, adaptable, and eager to learn in a fast-paced environment
- Willing to work on a variety of projects to support the work of the Secretary and the Executive team
- Understanding of professional office setting

Internship requirements:

- Be enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education
- Minimum GPA of 3.4
- Willing to work a minimum of 14 hours per week
- Able to work primarily in person over the summer
- Able to work in person or on a hybrid schedule during the school year (must be able to work at least one day per week in person during the school year)

Learning Objectives

- Develop critical and creative thinking skills by contributing ideas directly to the Executive team
- Improve research skills by conducting policy and legislation research
- Develop interpersonal skills by interacting with internal teams and external stakeholders from a variety of backgrounds and industries
- Learn about the functions and services of the Connecticut state government

To Apply:

Please download and complete the Internship Application, located here:

<https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS/Education/Internships/Internship-Opportunities>. Email the following to sots.internships@ct.gov:

- Completed Internship Application
- Resume
- Cover letter describing why you are interested in the position and highlighting relevant skills. **Please include your availability for this position, including whether you would be available for the full term of June 2026 – May 2027 or part of it, and if you would need a hybrid schedule for part or all of the internship.**
- Writing sample (can include past essays or other written projects – you do not need to create a new writing sample for this application)
- Academic transcript (or other document that includes your GPA)

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