

Defense Security Service (DSS) Student Internships



DSS Mission: *Through partnership and innovation, safeguard our Nation's interests as the premier provider of industrial security risk management and security professional development services.*

The Defense Security Service (DSS) strengthens national security at home and abroad through our security oversight and education operations. DSS oversees the protection of U.S. and foreign classified information and technologies in the hands of cleared industry, under the National Industrial Security Program, by providing professional risk management services. As Functional Manager for the Department of Defense (DoD), DSS provides security education, training, certification, and professional development for DoD and for other U.S. Government personnel, contractor employees, and representatives of foreign governments.

Core Occupations Supporting Our Mission:

- Corporate Structures & Foreign Investments Analysts
- Counterintelligence Professionals
- Cyber Security Specialists
- Industrial Security Representatives
- Information System Security Professionals
- Information Technology Professionals
- Personnel Security Specialists
- Program Analysts
- Security Education & Training Instructors
- Visual Information Specialists



DSS STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

The DSS Non-Paid Student Volunteer Internship Program (NPSV)

This program is designed to expose undergraduate and graduate students to the DSS culture while, simultaneously, providing real-life work experience in career fields related to students' courses of study. Our NPSV internship positions are located in various locations across the United States, subject to field office availability.

Program benefits:

- Agency sponsorship for Secret clearance
- 6 month program during spring semester - part-time and flexible work hours

Students must:

- Possess U.S. citizenship
- Have the ability to obtain and maintain a Secret security clearance
- Be currently enrolled in an accredited college or university with a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA (must notate GPA in resume)
- Meet any school specific requirements for the program
- Apply from a college or university student email account ending in ".edu"

NPSV applicants must submit resumes to DSS.Careers@mail.mil during the month of October. Please be sure to include "NPSV17" in the subject line of your email.

The DSS Paid Student Internship Program (PSIP)

This program is a summer-long, paid, 40 hours per week experience designed to expose undergraduate and graduate students to the DSS culture while, simultaneously, permitting them the opportunity to be involved in the daily operations of the office. PSIP internships are available in various locations across the United States, subject to the allocation of funds and the ability to support student hires.

Program benefits:

- Accrual of sick leave
- Agency sponsorship for Secret clearance
- Metro commuter subsidies

Students must:

- Possess U.S. citizenship
- Have the ability to obtain and maintain a Secret security clearance
- Be currently enrolled in an accredited college or university with a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA (must notate GPA in resume)
- Have successfully completed at least 24 credit hours
- Meet any school specific requirements for the program

PSIP positions will be posted on USAJOBS.gov in mid-late October.

DSS is an excepted service agency and does not participate in the Pathways Program. Internship positions are not eligible for non-competitive conversion; however interns are encouraged to apply to open announcements.

For more information about our internship programs please visit us at:
http://www.dss.mil/about_dss/student_internships.html