

(GAO) Government Accountability Office Internship Undergraduate 2026

Description

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) is seeking exceptional undergraduate students to participate in its prestigious Internship Program for the 2026/2025 academic year. Interns will have the unique opportunity to work alongside experienced professionals on real-world projects that directly impact the government and the American people. Through this program, interns will gain valuable experience in auditing, government operations, and policy analysis, while developing critical professional skills in a dynamic and collaborative work environment.

Responsibilities

- Conduct research, analyze data, and prepare reports relevant to GAO engagements.
- Assist with various tasks assigned by the supervisor, such as drafting correspondence, conducting interviews, and attending meetings.
- Participate in professional development workshops and training sessions.
- Contribute to a positive and collaborative team environment.

Qualifications

- Enrolled in an accredited undergraduate program leading to a bachelor's degree in accounting, economics, finance, political science, public policy, or a closely related field.
- Minimum 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale).
- U.S. citizenship or permanent resident status.

Experience

- Prior internship experience (preferred).
- Experience in research, data analysis, or writing (preferred).

Skills

- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint).
- Additional skills, such as foreign language proficiency or experience with specific software programs, may be required depending on the internship placement.

Job Benefits

- Competitive hourly stipend.
- Invaluable work experience in the field of government accountability.

Hiring organization

Government Accountability Office

Employment Type

Intern

Duration of employment

6 Months

Industry

Government Administration

Job Location

Washington, D.C., United States,
20001, Washington, D.C., United States

Working Hours

8

Base Salary

10

Date posted

August 11, 2026

Valid through

24.03.2027

- Professional development opportunities and training sessions.
- Networking opportunities with GAO professionals.
- Potential conversion to a full-time position upon graduation (subject to agency needs and qualifications).

How To Apply

Applications are typically open from December to February. For more information and to apply, please visit the GAO careers website and search for “internship” positions: <https://www.gao.gov/about/careers/students-and-career-paths>