

JANUARY – MAY 2026



Tennessee Legislative Internship Program (TLIP)

Join students from across Tennessee in this long-standing paid internship program running from January - May 2026. TLIP provides the perfect opportunity to learn more about the legislative process and engage with Tennessee politics!



Need an **internship**? Want a **job** after Fall 2025 graduation?



Are you interested in **public policy, political science, economics, lobbying, state and local government**, and/or **specific legislation areas** such as **healthcare, education, or energy**?

The **Tennessee Legislative Internship Program** offers a **full-time*, paid internship** with the Tennessee General Assembly from January to May 2026 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Interested?

Who You Are: Junior, Senior, Graduate Student, or a December 2025 Graduate. **Any major can do this internship.** Course credits are available through the Department of Political & Global Affairs.

GPA: 3.0 or higher required

Age: 20 years of older at the start of the internship in January 2025

Applications are currently accepted until October 8, 2025. Apply early! Scan QR Code.

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More Info

What Can You Do?

- Assist in researching legislation
- Communicate with government agencies at the local, state, and federal levels
- Engage with constituencies from around the state of Tennessee
- Learn about the legislative/policy making process
- Understand the role of lobbying in the legislative process
- Attend sessions & committee meetings

What Else??

- Go on trips, such as to the TBI Headquarters & Tennessee State Museum
- Play in an intern vs. legislators basketball game
- Meet the governor and other top leaders and much more!



*Part-time work is available.

*This is in-person work in Nashville, TN.



pga.internships@mtsu.edu

TLIP Application Checklist



Read through the TLIP materials attached to this email.

You can also visit pga.mtsu.edu/tennessee-legislative-internship-program/ to access the information. Read everything carefully to ensure you meet the requirements and can abide by the policies.



Prepare a resume.

You will need a completed resume. If you don't have one or need assistance, consider visiting the **MTSU Career Development Center** or use their **DropBox feature for virtual help**. If you have any experience in administrative work, prior internships, leadership positions, or research roles, be sure to note that!



Complete the application packet.

The attached application packet should be **typed or written in black ink**. A complete application also includes the following:



A current transcript of all college or university work. You can print/download this from PipelineMT.



A 2-3 page personal statement. This helps the committee get to know you and your motivations for doing the internship.



A resume. Remember: you can get help/feedback from the Career Center!



2 “Intern Appraisal Questionnaires” – these forms are attached to the email and on PGA’s website. These are forms that **a professor should fill out – so, someone who has taught you in a class. You will need two of these.** While these forms are short, be sure to give your professor a polite heads up. They will send it to the Internship Coordinator at pga.internships@mtsu.edu.



Email the completed application packet to pga.internships@mtsu.edu.

Please compile all your documents and send them to pga.internships@mtsu.edu. You will receive an acknowledgement of your application and will be alerted if anything is missing. **Please turn in your materials by October 8, 2025. Early applications are highly encouraged.**



Frequently Asked Questions

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I'm not a Political Science major. Can I apply?

YES! **All majors are welcome to apply. You can also apply if you are graduating in Fall '25 with any degree.**

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When and where is this internship?

It takes place during the TN General Assembly session, so it will begin **Jan. 12, 2026 and go until May 1, 2026.** It takes place at the State Capitol in Nashville, TN, ***so you need to be able to go to Nashville almost every day in the Spring term.***

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Is it paid?

YES! For more information about pay and related benefits, please visit our website and scroll to FAQ at the bottom of the page.

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What about course credits?

Credits are available through Political Science, and the number varies depending on your workload – PT or FT. You can get up to 12. ***Important: You cannot take any in person classes during this internship because you'll be at the Capitol all day from 8AM - 4:30PM.***

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What happens after my application?

After the closing date (October 8, 2025), a committee reviews applications. We can only send a select number of applicants to the Assembly. Once we select our candidates, they will interview with the TLIP Director in Nashville during October 2025. If selected from this stage, then you will receive an offer letter in November 2025. You will begin in January 2025!

Have more questions? Please reach out to us! We're here to help!

Thank you for your interest in representing MTSU at TLIP!

Website for Info →

