MCS Students in Washington

MCS students will find a variety of opportunities in DC to gain valuable work experience that relates to a STEM degree.

Internships

Interested in a deep-dive on drafting legislation that affects science and technology policy? Head to a Senator or Representative’s office on Capitol Hill for a front row seat.

Want to get a behind the scenes look at the creation of environmental regulations? Consider an internship with the Environmental Protection Agency.

Looking for non-profit or international experience? Join the team at World Resources Institute to support their sustainability or climate change work.

Thinking about a career in research and policy? Hundreds of world-renowned think tanks are looking for students to complete substantive research that informs real world policy.

“\nI remember telling my advisor... I love science, and I wish there was a way that I could use all of my technical background but still be in the room “where it happens” when we’re taking scientific data and turning it into an actionable solution. She recommended CMU/WSP, and it ended up being the perfect fit.”

- Shaelyn Parker
Chemistry, 2022

Minor in Politics & Public Policy

Get ahead of the curve and learn where your interests converge with those of the nation’s capital through our Politics and Public Policy minor. Complete the Washington Semester Program and two additional courses in Pittsburgh to earn the minor, and arm yourself with the knowledge to navigate the intersection of science and public policy.

On our Capitol Hill campus, you’ll learn about public policy, data for decision-making, and advocating for the causes you care about from our accomplished faculty, who have served as Executive Directors, Political Appointees, Congressional Liaisons and CIA Senior Staff.

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