

STUDENT APPLICATION FOR THE JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC INTEREST EXTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

Background

The Moritz College of Law offers students two externship programs – the Judicial Externship Program and the Public Interest/Government Externship Program – through which students can obtain practical legal experience and further the public good by working in a judge’s chambers or at a governmental entity or non-profit organization. Participation in both programs is limited. The number of students who may participate in the Judicial Externship Program is limited by the number of judges who participate, while the number of students who may participate in the Public Interest Externship Program is limited to 40 students per semester.

Students may earn 3 credits for judicial and public interest externships during the **fall** and **spring** semesters and 2 (half-summer) or 4 (full summer) credits during the **summer** semester. Students in **judicial** externships must work 8 hours per week in chambers during the semester for which they are earning credit. Students in **public interest/government externships** must work approximately 10 hours per week at the placement over the course of the semester. Credit will be awarded on a satisfactory-unsatisfactory (ungraded) basis, and a maximum of eight hours of externship credit may be applied towards graduation. In addition to the requirement to work at the placement, students must complete a number of academic requirements, such as attending a monthly class, keeping journals, and writing a paper reflecting on their externship experience.

Late and/or incomplete applications will be considered only after all timely and complete applications have been considered. If you are accepted to the program, you will be contacted by Monte Smith, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs.

Please enclose a resume and writing sample of approximately five pages with this application.

As a general rule, Student Services staff place students in externships based upon a number of factors, including the students’ interests. Students may find their own government or public interest placements, and those who do are responsible for ensuring that the placement completes the required application, which can be found on-line at <http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/externships/>.

- 9b. If so, please provide the name of the organization, the name of your contact at the organization, and his or her phone number and email address.
- 9c. Please also provide a brief description of the work you will perform in that position.
- 9d. Is your offer contingent upon receiving academic credit / acceptance into the externship program?
10. If you have not secured your own externship placement, please indicate areas of interest. You may wish to consult the list of potential placements on the Moritz website.