THE MICHAEL S. DUKAKIS INTERNSHIP IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Endowed in 1995 by a generous gift from former Massachusetts Governor Michael S. Dukakis, the Michael S. Dukakis Internship in Public Service is an annual award made to up to three students who will represent the University of Massachusetts Boston as a "working ambassador" in a government agency which serves the public. The student will be given a monetary award to work for a semester in a state or municipal government office. Students must enroll in a credit-granting internship course at UMB as part of a regular class schedule. This is a prestigious award based on the overall merit of the student.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Credits

Undergraduate applicants: 60 or more credits to be completed by June 15, 2019
Graduate applicants: 50% of graduate degree program completed by June 15, 2019

Enrollment

Full-time, matriculated student

Standing

Minimum cumulative GPA 3.0 (students will be required to provide a transcript and/or other proof of academic excellence). Available to any major, financial need not a factor.

Other Considerations

Students will perform the internship while enrolled in a regular class schedule. This is a for-credit internship and arrangements must be made in the student’s major or other suitable department to enroll in an internship course. The student need not have secured an internship placement at the time of application. Both a faculty advisor and an on-site supervisor will closely supervise the student. In addition to work completed on the internship site, a research paper is required.

Worth

Final award amounts will not be available until August 2019, but the total available in 2018 was about $6000. Award amounts will be determined by the number of candidates selected for the internship; we do not anticipate selecting more than three students for this award, and possibly fewer. Funds will first be applied to any balance due in the Bursar’s Office. If the chosen student is a financial aid recipient, adjustments to their aid package may be required.

TO APPLY

Application materials are available in the Office for Merit-Based Scholarships, Campus Center, 4th floor, next to the elevators, from the Department of Political Science, or on the Department website: (https://www.umb.edu/academics/cla/polisci/scholarships_and_awards/michael_s._dukakis_internship_in_public_service). Read this form carefully. Fill out the application form completely. The required essay is to be typed, double-spaced, on separate paper, and should not exceed 500 words in length. Applicants will also need to supply a copy of their transcript (unofficial). This is available at the One Stop or via WISER. Applicants have the option to submit one faculty reference letter.

DEADLINE

Applications are due to be submitted to the Political Science Department on or before Friday, March 8, 2019 by 5:00PM. Applicants will be notified by April, in time for any necessary registration changes to be made to the applicant’s Fall 2019 schedule.

For further information contact Prof. Erin O’Brien (erin.obrien@umb.edu)
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APPLICATION

Personal Information

Student Name __________________________________________ Student ID # ________________________________

Address ___________________________________________ City _________ State _______ Zip _________

Daytime phone _______________________________ Evening phone _______________________________

E-Mail ___________________________________________ (We will communicate with you by email)

Transcript

A copy of your MOST RECENT (unofficial) transcript (available at the One Stop or via WISER) must be attached to this application.

Scholastic Information

Name the city and state of the high school from which you graduated ______________________________________

Date of admission to UMass Boston ___________________________ Major _____________________________

Number of credits you will have earned AT UMASS BOSTON by June 15, 2019 ___ GPA __________________

Employment Information

List below any current or recent full-time, part-time, or summer employment. Briefly explain your duties and responsibilities.

From ______ to ________ Company name/type of business ______________________________

Duties __________________________________________________________

Proposal/Statement of Purpose  On a separate sheet of paper, provide the following information AND a brief (one paragraph) summary of your proposed internship, if possible. (Note: You do not have to have secured an internship to apply for the Dukakis Award, but you must have one for Fall 2019 semester)

Explain your interest in public service as specifically as possible.

Discuss how a public service internship will foster your career goals.

What do you expect to learn from a public service internship?

What personal and academic strengths do you possess that will help you gain success as an intern?

In representing UMass Boston, you will be an ambassador. How will your internship performance reflect well on the University?

I certify that all the information on this application is true. I further give my permission to release the information contained within this application, as well as relevant information on file at the University of Massachusetts Boston to the individuals selecting the recipients of the Dukakis Internship/Scholarship Program.

Signature ___________________________________________ Date _______________________________