

OBAMA FOUNDATION INTERNSHIP APPLICATION

Personal Details

*Denotes required field

*First Name

*Last Name

*Preferred gender pronoun he/him/his she/her/hers they/their/theirs

*Date of Birth *Please provide in Month/Day/Year format (XX/XX/XXXX)*

*Address

*City

*State/Territory

Note: U.S. only

*Hometown

*University

*Year

- Freshman
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Graduate Student

JD PhD MBA MPP MA MFA MS MPH LLM MD Other:

Graduation [month, year]

*Resume

Please note that your resume should be no longer than one page. It must include, but is not limited to, your education and prior work and internship experience—especially any work you have done in your community.

Eligibility

This internship will last from May 29, 2018 to August 17, 2018. For students on a quarter system, the internship will run from June 18, 2018 to September 7, 2018. The Foundation will provide interns with a stipend and reimbursements for a portion of the expenses directly related to their internship. Please note the Foundation will not provide relocation or housing assistance.

*Can you commit to the internship from May 29, 2018 to August 17, 2018?

If you answer "No, I cannot commit to either" to this question, you are not eligible for the Obama Foundation internship.

- Yes
- No
- No, because I am a student on the quarter system. I can commit to June 18 to September 7, 2018.

*Can you commit to working 40 hours a week from Monday to Friday during the internship term?

The internship will operate during normal business hours. If you answer "No" to this question, you are not eligible for the Obama Foundation internship.

- Yes
- No

*Please choose your preferred offices:

Please note that we will not be able to accommodate interns outside of these locations.

- Chicago
- Washington, D.C.
- Either

* Are you legally authorized to work in the United States?

If you answer "No" to this question, you are not eligible for the Obama Foundation internship.

- Yes
- No

Department Ranking

Please review our department descriptions here. We will do our best to accommodate your preferences, though we cannot guarantee everyone their top choices.

Correspondence

Throughout their time at the White House, President Obama and Mrs. Obama were committed to hearing people's stories and perspectives. The Correspondence team works to carry forward this mission, helping listen to and facilitate conversations between the Foundation and the public.

Development

The mission of the Development team is to secure the funds necessary to support the design and construction of the Obama Presidential Center, to endow the Foundation and the Center's programs, and to financially sustain the operations of the Foundation.

Digital

From producing cutting edge web content to amplifying the Foundation's programming on social media, the Digital team is committed to inviting people to share their thoughts and ideas about the way forward—part of a multi-platform effort to engage, listen, and learn.

Experience

The Experience team is in charge of creating a work environment that fully embodies the Foundation's values, including our Operations, IT, and People Operations teams. This team handles the "business" side of the Obama Foundation, from recruitment and retention of our incredible staff to support of our office space and resources.

International

The International team works to create networks and programs that empower emerging young leaders around the world by connecting them to platforms, resources, and each other in ways that catalyze positive change.

Office of the CEO

The Office of the CEO is responsible for the strategic vision of the Obama Foundation and the management of the CEO's internal and external

responsibilities, including Foundation-wide cross-functional work and coordination with the Office of Barack and Michelle Obama.

Office of the Executive Director

From providing analysis and strategy for the future Obama Presidential Center to developing the Foundation's operating budget, this team works to advance the Executive Director's portfolio.

Program

The Program team works to inspire, equip, and connect the next generation of citizen leaders. Sample programs include Training Days, the Obama Foundation Fellows Program, and My Brother's Keeper.

Public Engagement

Chicago is not only the place that President and Mrs. Obama met and raised their family -- it's also the site of the future Obama Presidential Center. This team aims to engage community members and civic leaders across the city to make Chicago a model and laboratory for the most innovative approaches to citizen engagement.

Real Estate

The Real Estate team's mission is to plan, design, and construct an innovative and inspiring world-class home for the Foundation, its museum, and its programs. They are tasked with completing the Obama Presidential Center in Jackson Park.

Research

The Research team supports the entire Foundation by vetting, fact-checking, and supporting each team's work to ensure the Foundation delivers effective, truthful information that represents our values.

If selected, what is your FIRST choice in team to work with? *

We will do our best to make assignments based on your preference but cannot guarantee you will get your top choice.

If selected, what is your SECOND choice in team to work with? *

We will do our best to make assignments based on your preference but cannot guarantee you will get your top choice.

If selected, what is your THIRD choice in team to work with? *

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Short Answer

We are looking for interns with strong attention to detail. Spelling and grammar are not disqualifiers, but they certainly count. Please note there is a 100-word limit.

*How would your community benefit from your interning at the Obama Foundation?

*When mistakes happen at the Obama Foundation, we try to deal with them with grace—just as we expect our bosses would. Tell us about a time something went wrong while you were working on a team. What did you do to rectify the situation?

Essay

We are looking for interns with strong attention to detail. Spelling and grammar are not a disqualifier, but they certainly count. Please note there is a 500-word limit.

*President Obama and Mrs. Obama have reiterated that the Obama Foundation is committed to empowering the next generation of leaders. Write a letter to either President Obama or Mrs. Obama telling them what that means to you.

*What unique perspective[s] would you bring to the Obama Foundation internship cohort?

References

Please provide the names and contact information for three people who are familiar with your work. These can be people from your professional, academic, or community networks, but they do not have to be. For example, they can be a teacher or a coach, a supervisor or colleague, or a faith leader--as long as they are someone who can speak to what you've included in the application.

Please note we will not be accepting reference letters and that references from family members will not be accepted.

The format must look as follows:

Reference:

Name:

Email:

Phone:

How is this person familiar with your work? (*Please keep your responses limited to 25 words or less.*)

Source

How did you come across our application?

- Obama.org
- Social Media
- Friend
- School
- Student/Non-Profit Organization

If so, which one?

- Other

Please let us know how: