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MICHAEL DUKAKIS PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

The Michael Dukakis Public Service Internship is an opportunity for interested and qualified full-time undergraduate or graduate UMassD students, who will be enrolled at UMass Dartmouth during AY 2023-2024, to work in a public service setting at the local, state or federal level under the guidance of a government official and a faculty advisor. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 grade point average. Students from all majors are encouraged to apply.

Name
Expected Year of Graduation Major Current GPA
Home Address City State Zip
Local Address City State Zip
Local Phone ( ) E-mail

ATTACHMENTS to this application:

- A typed statement explaining your views on leadership and interest in public service.
A current resume that includes your leadership experiences and extracurricular activities
An official copy of your current academic transcript
A letter of recommendation from your faculty advisor

If selected as a Dukakis Public Service Intern, I understand that I will also be serving as a representative of the University and will act accordingly and agree to fulfill all requirements of this internship, including attendance at any and all meetings, programs, and events as required.

Signed Date:

FACULTY ADVISOR RECOMMENDATION: I agree to serve as a faculty advisor to the above named student should he/she be chosen for this Internship Award. I agree to work with the student and the Dukakis Internship Coordinator to secure a meaningful public service internship experience for the student at the local, state, or federal level. I have attached a written reference.

Signed Date:

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM, STATEMENT OF INTEREST, RESUME, CURRENT TRANSCRIPT, AND FACULTY RECOMMENDATION TO: Michael Dukakis Public Service Selection Committee, c/o the Leduc Center for Civic Engagement, LARTS, Room 031.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 4:00 pm, Thursday, March 2, 2023.

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**MICHAEL S. DUKAKIS PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNSHIP**  
**AWARD GUIDELINES**

**PURPOSE OF THE AWARD**

Governor Michael Dukakis endowed a public service internship at UMass Dartmouth in 1996 to provide students with experience in government service and to encourage them to consider a future career in public service.

The endowment provides for paid internships in government service, primarily at the state and local levels within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The intent of the internships is to rekindle a sense of enthusiasm, optimism, and hope and to reach out to talented students to give them the encouragement they need to consider a career in public service. As the Governor has stated, "It is absolutely essential to reach out to our best young people so they can experience public service at the earliest possible age. There is nothing one can do that is more fulfilling or satisfying in a personal sense than being of service to others."

**AMOUNT OF AWARD:** \$5,000. Furthermore, students may have the option to earn up to six hours of academic credit through their major department. Interns receiving compensation from another source are ineligible to receive Dukakis funding.

**ELIGIBILITY FOR THE AWARD**

1. Any full time undergraduate or graduate UMassD student, who will be enrolled at UMass Dartmouth during AY 2023-2024, is eligible to apply for the Dukakis Public Service Internship. Applicants from all majors are encouraged to apply for the award.
2. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 grade point average and completed at least one full-time semester at UMass Dartmouth prior to the application deadline. Applicants may apply at any point in their academic career, but preference will be given to applicants who are further along.
3. Applicants must demonstrate a current interest in public service and the possibility of a career in this area.
4. No individual may receive more than one Dukakis Public Service Internship.

**APPLICATIONS FOR THE AWARD**

An applicant must provide:

1. A completed Dukakis Public Service Internship application form.
2. A typed statement explaining the student's views on leadership and interest in public service.
3. A current resume that includes the applicant's community service, leadership experiences and extracurricular activities.
4. An official copy of current academic transcript must accompany the application.
5. A letter of recommendation from a faculty sponsor.

Completed applications must be returned to the Michael Dukakis Public Service Selection Committee, c/o the Leduc Center for Civic Engagement, LARTS 031, no later than 4:00 pm, Thursday, March 2, 2023. It is expected the recipient of the Dukakis internship will be announced in mid-April 2023.

**INTERNSHIP ARRANGEMENTS**

1. The Dukakis Public Service Intern will be paid \$5,000 to work for a period of approximately three months (normally from June 1 to August 31 or, by arrangement, during a semester) in a public service setting. This time can be extended to a maximum of nine months, if appropriate, for the specific internship. In no case are students eligible to receive funding from a third party and the Dukakis Award.
2. The award recipient will be placed in a public service internship, primarily at the state or local level within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Exceptions may be made for internships with the federal government.
3. The intern and the student's faculty advisor will be responsible for arranging the internship placement, working cooperatively with Dukakis internship coordinator and assisted by other departments within the University, as appropriate.
4. The award recipients are expected to normally work 30 hours per week for the duration of the award. For this reason, the summer months are suggested for this internship. However, fewer hours per week for a longer period of time may be agreeable provided the agency agrees. The guiding philosophy in making these arrangements is the quality of the experience for the student.
5. The award recipients are expected to attend any events hosted by Governor Dukakis, the Leduc Center, or agency representative to which they are invited.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: NO LATER THAN 4:00 pm, THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023. RETURN TO: THE LEDUC CENTER FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, LARTS 031.**