

The Capital Scholars Program in Washington, D.C.

The Arizona State University Capital Scholars Program builds future leaders while strengthening the university's reputation and connection with the nation's capital. Through a nine-week summer internship, talented ASU students gain hands-on training in the public policy-making process. Students who have participated in this program have completed internships at the White House, the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the U.S. Congress and New America.

Each year since 1998, ASU has provided an opportunity for up to 25 undergraduate students to spend their summer in Washington, D.C.

However, the cost of this program can be prohibitive to many students since most of the expenses are paid for out of pocket. That is why the School of Politics and Global Studies offers scholarship opportunities specifically for the Capital Scholars Program to help fund deserving students.

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Championing student success

Many of the Capital Scholars' D.C. internships are unpaid, and the costs of the program prevent some of the most promising students from participating unless they receive financial assistance. Making a gift to the ASU Capital Scholars Program is an investment in the future of Arizona and the nation.

“If I had not received a scholarship, I do not think I could have participated in the program. An investment in the Capital Scholars Program is an investment in the future of ASU students that are going to accomplish great things they had no idea they could.”

– **Matt Caruso,**
ASU political science alumnus, 2006

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Addressing politics and global issues from many perspectives

At the School of Politics and Global Studies at Arizona State University, we aim to advance research to solve real-world problems. A primary goal of the school is to develop innovative approaches to major emerging political and global challenges, based on transdisciplinary perspectives.



Leading global impact and innovative solutions

Not only does the faculty at the school encourage students to understand the nation and world from an institutional perspective but they also emphasize research that links theory with real-world issues and action through policy. The faculty organize conferences--on topics such as conflict and human rights and political economy--that spotlight their expertise, bring together scholars from across the country, and advance research.



Women political leaders

The school's faculty are engaged in pioneering research on women in politics, which cross geographical borders, disciplines and methods. Two members, Professor Miki Kittilson and Director and Professor Magda Hinojosa, recently published "Seeing Women, Strengthening Democracy: How Women in Politics Foster Connected Citizens," with Oxford University Press.



Advancing discussion of Latino politics

Professor Rodney Hero, who holds the Raul Yzaguirre chair, leads the Center for Latina/os and American Politics Research (CLAPR). CLAPR fosters and supports thoughtful, innovative research on the political and policy circumstances of the nation's Latino population, thereby creating a fuller, deeper understanding of politics and governance in the United States.



Engaging future security challenges

Center on the Future of War faculty such as Lt. Gen. Robert Schmide, university advisor on cyber capabilities and conflict studies at ASU, generate innovative ideas and creative solutions to global security.

Cultivating an inclusive environment

The school expands beyond what is taught in the classroom. It takes a team effort to fulfill the school's fundamental mission of generating and diffusing knowledge that contributes to society's understanding of politics and governance at local, national and global levels.

34%	Pell Grant eligible
28%	first-generation students
42%	racial and ethnic diversity
33:1	student-to-faculty ratio
29	tenured and tenure-track faculty

“Without the School of Politics and Global Studies, my life would be extremely different. While completing my undergrad, I taught overseas and worked with exchange students. Through these experiences, I had the opportunity to see countries from many different perspectives. Today I’m really invested in education because I know if not for my own, I wouldn’t be who I am today.”

Elaissia Briana Christina Sears
Global studies (BA), 2017

