The Capital Scholars Program in Washington, D.C.

The ASU 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. Examples of these internships include the White House, the U.S. Department of State, the Treasury Department, Congress and the New America Foundation.

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.

Champion 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.

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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

School of Politics and Global Studies

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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 advance research while holding conferences in fields such as conflict and human rights, political economy and nationalist and ethno-religious dynamics.

Women political leaders

The school’s faculty are leading the way in women’s roles in politics through publications and conferences that cross geographical borders, disciplines and methods. Three members, Foundation Professor Kim Fridkin, Associate Professor Magda Hinojosa and Professor Miki Kittilson, received a USAID award to study symbolic representation through a “natural experiment” in Uruguay.

Scholarly leaders in International Studies

Cameron Thies, professor and director of the School of Politics and Global Studies, is the current president of the International Studies Association (ISA) which brings together over 7,000 members and is one of the oldest interdisciplinary associations dedicated to understanding international, transnational and global affairs.