

The DC Experience



Spend a week in Washington, DC and see what professional life in DC is really like.

Enhance your education with real world experience!

In our one-week program, you will learn to incorporate your academic studies into applied skills for networking, connecting and developing the key relationships that matter to transition from being just another number, to being prepared to present yourself for your future career.

Career Training and Mentoring Programs

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During one intensive week, students will become part of a focused team of professionals advancing their interests on a series of topics based upon their self-designated teams in our science or social tracks.

Mornings will be spent in boardroom style interactive sessions developing personal brands, including: resumes, elevator pitches, memo writing, social-professional media image make-overs, preparing for interviews, job and internship applications and practicing presenting themselves in fast-paced, high pressure environments.

In the afternoons, participants will put their morning skills to the test on and around Capitol Hill at informational presentations, meetings and Q&A's with lobbyists, Congressional Hearings, think-tanks, NGOs, government agencies, graduate admissions directors at DC area universities and after-work social events in the heart of the Nation's Capital.

Sign up for career inquiries with professionals, managers and staff at the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Agriculture, think tanks and Congressional offices.

Get specific information and training on resumes, applications and job searches from our professional question and answer panels and meeting/speaker series.

Dates: Sunday, March 8 – Thursday, March 12, 2015
Sunday, March 15 – Thursday, March 19, 2015
Sunday, May 31 – Thursday, June 4, 2015
Sunday, August 9 – Thursday, August 13, 2015

Cost: \$1,150 (includes program and hotel – airfare to DCA NOT included). Applications accepted on a rolling basis - space is limited to 30.

The key feature of our program is the direct mentoring and interaction with Director Mourning-Star.

Dr. Mourning-Star has years of experience mentoring students and young professionals to push the boundaries of what they thought was possible. From his work on renewable energy and air pollution to research and reporting from the conflicts in Georgia to Afghanistan – Mr. Mourning-Star truly bridges the interdisciplinary divide like no one else.



Phoenix has extensive grant writing and team building experience. He holds degrees in Mathematics (BS), Biostatistics (MS), Public Health/Environmental Epidemiology (MSc) and Law from the University of Auckland, New Zealand where he focused on human rights in international environmental law. While his PhD research in renewable energy in post disaster/conflict regions as a multi-disciplinary program (policy, agriculture, energy) is in Ecology and Chemical/Biological Engineering. Phoenix came to Washington, DC on a fellowship to The George Washington University's International Science and Technology Policy program in the Elliott School of International Affairs to study the implications of policy and the communication of science to policy-makers on technological advances.

Phoenix Fellows Program



The Phoenix Fellows Program is designed to provide top applicants additional expertise to usher participants into the competitive research and critical thinking realms of policy and media. Fellows will be required to develop and record a series of radio programs during the week which will be aired and recorded in full scale radio recording studio in Foggy Bottom; contribute as co-authors to two Op-Ed pieces with our research analysts; start a campus chapter at their home campus and will have the opportunity to host Phoenix Mourning-Star as a guest speaker on their campus.