

# WASHINGTON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## OFFICE OF PROGRAM RESEARCH

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### *LEGAL INTERN PROGRAM*

#### *2025-2026*

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The Office of Program Research in the Washington House of Representatives is seeking candidates for its legal intern program. Both first and second year law students are invited to apply. Candidates must have exceptional legal research and analysis skills and strong communication and interpersonal skills.

***About the OPR:*** The Office of Program Research (OPR) provides nonpartisan legal, research, and support services to the standing committees of the Washington House of Representatives.

***About the Legal Intern Program:*** Since 1974, the OPR's legal intern program has provided law students with an opportunity to observe and participate in the legislative process. Interns perform a variety of legislative work under the supervision of lawyers employed by the OPR, including general legal research; drafting bills, amendments, bill analyses/reports, legal memoranda, and other legislative documents; making presentations in front of House committees; and meeting with legislators and stakeholders. Work assignments vary depending on the needs of the office and the interests of the interns. Examples of committees for which past interns have performed work assignments include the Civil Rights & Judiciary, Health Care & Wellness, Labor & Workplace Standards, Education, and Community Safety, Justice, & Reentry Committees.

The program is divided into two parts: **summer** and **legislative session**. Interns are expected to serve full time during the summer of 2025 and during that portion of the 2026 legislative session coinciding with the first academic period (quarter or semester) in 2026. The summer portion is considered a training period, during which interns acquire the knowledge and skills that will enable them to perform well during the legislative session. Compensation is \$3,637 per month.

***Externship Credit Information:*** For the legislative session portion of the program, the student must make arrangements with the student's law school to obtain academic credit.

***How to Apply:*** 1Ls and 2Ls desiring to apply should submit a letter of interest, resume, legal writing sample, references, and law school transcripts (if available) to:

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Positions are open until filled.

The Washington House of Representatives is an equal opportunity employer. Persons with disabilities needing assistance in the application process should call (360) 786-7271 or TDD 1-800-635-9993.