



MICHIGAN IN WASHINGTON PROGRAM

Where our students' aspirations for the future come together with the vitality and diversity of Washington, D.C.

Since its inception more than ten years ago, the Michigan in Washington (MIW) Program has grown in breadth and success. Each year, 45 to 50 students are drawn from majors across the university to work while learning and engaging in public service in our nation's capital. Recent internships have included placements in both houses of the U.S. Congress, the White House, the United Nations, the Smithsonian Institution, the U.S. Department of Justice, Amnesty International, The American Enterprise Institute, C-SPAN, and CNN, to name just a few. Some students return to Washington to continue careers in public service while others move on to a variety of careers or higher education, better prepared because of their internships.

The Michigan in Washington Program offers an extraordinary opportunity for undergraduates from any major to spend a semester in Washington, D.C. Students combine coursework with field research in internships that reflect each student's particular area of academic interest. Classes are taught by University of Michigan faculty. Students also gain access to local Washington experts in their research area, as well as work experience and networking opportunities in a desired field.

The nation's capital offers students opportunities to engage in cultural activities and to visit some of the nation's significant monuments and national treasures. Students make lifelong friends, gain exposure to D.C. resources and to people living and working in the capital through connections on the MIW Board and the U-M D.C. Alumni Club. Our alumni are extraordinarily generous—from identifying internships, mentoring students, advising program staff, supporting enrichment activities, endowing scholarships, and providing operational support. They share their expertise with our students and open their homes to them too.

A great public university such as the University of Michigan should have a strong presence in our nation's capital, where our students' aspirations for the future come together with the vitality and diversity of Washington, D.C. Scholarship support is needed to ensure more students have access to this transformative program, regardless of their financial situation. Gifts are also needed to establish a cultural enrichment fund to help defray the cost of field excursions for students while in Washington, D.C. and to enable them to attend co-curricular activities relating to their areas of study.

FACULTY TEACHING FELLOWS

The sustained vibrancy of the MIW Program depends upon the continuous development of unique and relevant courses of great interest to our MIW students. Faculty Fellows develop and teach these elective courses that take advantage of resources in the Washington, D.C. area. Funding of \$50,000 annually or \$12,500 per semester would support four electives per year, two each semester.

STUDENT CULTURAL ENRICHMENT FUND

The success of the MIW Program relies, in part, on the breadth of activities made available to Michigan students. Although students are primarily focused on coursework, research projects, and internships, they also benefit from exposure to the diverse cultural and intellectual offerings available in the D.C. area. Endowed gifts of \$200,000 or \$10,000 annually provide needed resources for cultural and intellectual enrichment activities such as special field trips, engaging guest speakers, attending arts and humanities programming, and hosting debates, political discussions, and career networking events.

MIW GRADUATE ASSISTANT SUPPORT

In Ann Arbor, the MIW graduate assistant plays an integral role in recruiting and program promotion. They conduct the prep classes in which students undertake their internship search, update resumes and cover letters, learn negotiation skills for handling internship offers, and develop an understanding of business etiquette and the Washington social scene. The graduate assistant also works with returning students on the presentation of their research for the required poster session. Endowed funding of \$1M or \$50,000 annually is needed to provide this vital support.



“[My internship was] on the fundraising team for the Democratic Attorneys General Association, so much of my work revolved around supporting our staff and attorneys general in what they’re doing. This [experience] has allowed me to learn so much about the world of politics, as well as meet so many different, interesting and amazing people—as well as connect with various Michigan alumni or people that I have known from previous campaigns I’ve worked on who are now living in Washington, DC.”

—Andrew Schaeffler, LSA Class of '22



MIW STUDENT AID FUND

An important MIW objective is to ensure that qualified students from all economic backgrounds have access to the Washington experience. A student aid fund helps defray travel, housing, transportation and other expenses for those with demonstrated financial need so that students from all economic backgrounds are able to participate in the Washington, D.C. experience. Because student support is based on need, grant amounts vary, but our goal is to support 28 students at approximately \$5,000 each, which can be accomplished with an endowed gift of \$2.5M or \$150,000 annually.

NAMED MIW PROGRAM

Funding for professional support, technological resources, and program staffing is needed to facilitate the networking and coordination that is essential to the success of the MIW Program. One essential component is a Resident Program Manager, who ensures the safety and well-being of our students and the integration of the MIW Program into the networks of expertise in Washington, D.C. This person serves as an on-site advisor and mentor, and collaborates with the instructor who teaches the core research course, as well as liaising with the residence hall manager, the U-M D.C. office and alumni club, student mentors, and internship supervisors. In addition, funding is needed to support educational field trips for students, technology and equipment, and other expenses incurred during the semester. A MIW program can be named with an endowed gift of \$5M.

WAYS TO FUND YOUR GIFT

Your gifts of cash, pledges, or appreciated securities change lives. Wills, estate, and planned gifts allow you to create a lasting legacy that will enable the best and brightest minds to experience a liberal arts education, solve problems in a changing world, and yield ideas and innovations that will make a difference in Michigan and around the globe.

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