

U.S. Probation Office Student Internship Opportunity

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN PROBATION AND PRETRIAL SERVICES OFFICE

POSITION

<u>Student Intern – Information</u> <u>Technology Dept. (Part Time)</u>

Announcement# 24-02

OPENING DATE

February 2, 2024

CLOSING DATE

Position open until filled.

Internship Time Frame

- Spring/Summer Semester 2024
- Fall Semester 2024
- Winter Semester 2025

The internship will last a minimum of 12-16 weeks, with the possibility of extension – not to exceed one academic school year.

LOCATION OF POSITION

Grand Rapids, MI (main office)

SALARY RANGE

CL 22 (When Actually Employed-WAE)

Salary: \$15.21 -\$18.86 per hour, dependent on budget, experience, and qualifications.

AREA OF CONSIDERATION

Current students enrolled in an accredited college or university.

POSITION OVERVIEW & REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES

The United States Probation & Pretrial Services Office for the Western District of Michigan is currently seeking qualified applicants for the temporary, parttime Information System Intern position for spring/summer (2024), fall (2024), and winter (2025) semesters. This is an excellent opportunity for students to develop professional skills while gaining practical, hands-on experience and exposure to the federal government. Our office currently employs approximately 50 employees and is headquartered in Grand Rapids, MI, with branch offices in Kalamazoo, Lansing, and Marquette, MI. For further information on our agency, please visit our website: www.miwp.uscourts.gov.

This internship opportunity is a temporary, part-time when actually employed (WAE) position that will last a minimum of 12 weeks, with the possibility of extension - not to exceed one academic school year. Interns must be willing and able to complete a minimum of one semester, up to a year-long, commitment. One-year internships are preferred. The student intern will work a WAE schedule (paid for hours when actually worked) based on the needs of office and school requirements (if applicable), generally between 20-32 hours per week. There are no employee benefits associated with the position.

This position will be part of the Information Technology Department that is located in the Grand Rapids main office. Under the supervision of an IT team member, the incumbent will focus primarily on providing personal computer end user support to probation office staff, and general administrative and project support to the IT team. During the internship period, the incumbent can expect to gain experience with one or more of the following responsibilities:

- Respond to personal computer help desk calls and e-mails, log computer problems, and assist with routine problems. Escalate problems that are not quickly resolved via the telephone of email to the next level. Provide assistance with web access, both internet and intranet. Provide information and assistance to users on software applications, such as word processing and data entry.
- Prepare routine reports, notices, and other correspondence using templates and forms. Assist with preparing correspondence and documents, including typing, keyboarding, formatting, and generating documents from templates.
- Assist with organizing, removing, and inventorying IT equipment.
- Perform room set up and provide technology support for various office trainings and meetings.
- Assist the IT team members with applicable projects and assignments.
- Other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

Note: All qualification requirements must be met when the application is filed.

Minimum Requirements

- High school graduate or equivalent, at least 18 years old, and currently enrolled in an accredited college or university.
- Good academic standing with a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher.
- Ability to complete a minimum of one semester (at least 12 weeks).
- Ability to work 20-32 hours per week, not to exceed 32 hours per week (128 hours per month). Work hours will be established in accordance with office needs and individuals school program requirements, if applicable.
- Candidate may not have any prior failed internship placements (unless through no fault of the employee).
- Closely related field of study/major is preferred.

Required Knowledge and Skills

- General knowledge of computer, hardware, software and networking technologies. Knowledge of theories, principles, practices and usage of computer hardware and software.
- General knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite and Windows operating systems.
- General knowledge of routine office work and personal computing, including use of office equipment and typical office-related software applications.
- Skill in keyboarding, typing, and data entry. Ability to learn court operations and specific database systems used to enter and retrieve data and generic reports.
- Ability to analyze problems; gather pertinent data and recognize solutions.
- Excellent communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills with strong attention to detail. Ability to provide the highest level of customer services with a positive and professional demeanor.
- Ability to learn and adhere to the rules, regulations, policies and guidelines of the court and U.S. Probation Office, including the Code of Conduct for Judicial Employees and court/office confidentiality requirements. Ability to demonstrate sound ethics and judgment.
- Ability to work in a fast-paced, service-oriented environment that requires willingness to learn on the job while managing multiple tasks and deadlines.
- Ability to lift and move computer equipment up to 50 pounds

OTHER CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

- Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen or eligible to work in the United States.
- More than one position may be filled from this announcement.
- The Court reserves the right to modify the conditions of this position announcement or to withdraw the vacancy announcement, any of which actions may occur without any prior written notice. If a subsequent vacancy becomes available within a reasonable time of the original announcement, the Chief Probation Officer may elect to select a candidate from the original qualified applicant pool without further advertising.
- Candidates may be required to submit to position related testing as part of the screening process.
- Candidates must be willing to submit and successfully complete a federal background investigation. The investigation will include, but not be limited to a criminal history/driving records check; previous employment inquiries and reference checks; a credit check; and an FBI fingerprint check.
- This position is subject to mandatory direct deposit for payment of net pay.
- This is an at-will position and is not covered by federal service classifications or regulations.
- The probation office is not authorized to reimburse candidates for interview or travel expenses.
- The incumbent will become familiar with and abide by the general rules of confidentiality of all information.
- The Court requires the incumbent to adhere to a Code of Conduct, Charter of Excellence, and local Vision & Mission Statement.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

To be considered, qualified candidates must submit the following:

- 1. Letter of interest (cannot exceed two pages) that addresses your long-term goals, what you hope to learn from our office during the internship period, and how your knowledge, skills, abilities, and/or experience relates to the position requirements. The letter should also include available work hours and length of desired internship.
- 2. Copy of college/university intern program requirements (if applicable) on college/university letterhead.
- 3. AO 78 Federal Judicial Branch Employment Application. The AO78 form can be found at http://www.miwp.uscourts.gov (Employment) or at http://www.miwp.uscourts.gov (Employment) or at http://www.uscourts.gov/services-forms/forms.
- 4. Copy of undergraduate and, if applicable, graduate degree transcripts.
- 5. List of three professional references (non-related individuals) with current contact information.

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