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NJOHSP Accepting Applications for Summer Interns

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HAMILTON, NJ — Students in search of a rewarding experience this summer are encouraged to become valued members of the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (NJOHSP) through the Office's Internship Program. Qualified applicants will have the opportunity to contribute to ongoing projects while learning from some of the top homeland security professionals.

“Our Office truly values the many contributions our interns have made over the years and looks forward to the impact future interns will have at NJOHSP,” said **Jared M. Maples, Director of the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness**. “Their efforts are noticed and assist greatly in advancing our mission. All staff members at NJOHSP are proud to offer the knowledge and resources from their years of experience in helping to prepare interns for the next stage of their careers.”

NJOHSP's Internship Program offers options for students pursuing various career paths. Interns have the choice of joining one of the Office's four Divisions—Intelligence and Operations, NJCCIC, Preparedness, and Support Services—or the Communications Office. Interns can expect to learn about the State's homeland security and preparedness mission, interact with government officials, take advantage of various training and career development opportunities, and expand their learning experience through field trips and other activities outside of the Office. All interns have the chance to present their work to NJOHSP's management team during a capstone presentation at the conclusion of their internship.

The Human Resources Bureau, which runs the internship program, takes great pride in the unique program. “What sets NJOHSP's Internship Program apart from other internships is that our interns are afforded a real-world experience that both helps in their career development and assists in furthering many of NJOHSP's important initiatives,” said **Roopa Trotter, Chief of the Human Resources Bureau**.

The Summer Internship Program is full time and runs from June 3 through July 26 this year. Applications are being accepted through March 1. NJOHSP also offers a Fall Internship Program that runs from September through December and a Spring Internship Program between January and April. Students must be enrolled full time as juniors, seniors, or graduate students at an accredited college or university and seeking credit at the time of their internship.

For additional information on internship opportunities with NJOHSP and to submit an application, please visit <https://www.njhomelandsecurity.gov/internships>.

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The New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (NJOHSP), a Cabinet-level agency, was created in 2006. The Director serves as the Governor's Homeland Security Advisor, and is responsible for leading and coordinating the State's counterterrorism, cybersecurity, and preparedness efforts while building resiliency throughout the State across all levels of government and the private sector. NJOHSP oversees and distributes discretionary State and federal homeland security and preparedness funds on behalf of New Jersey. More information about NJOHSP can be found at njohsp.gov.