

Internship Program

U.S. Pretrial Services Officers are situated at a crucial place in the federal criminal justice process—the very start. In fact, officers often are the first court representatives defendants encounter after their arrest. In general, officers' mission is to investigate defendants charged with a federal crime, recommend in a report to the court whether to release or detain the defendants, and supervise the defendants who are released to the community while they await their day in court to make sure they comply with court-ordered conditions of release.

The U.S. Pretrial Services for Southern District of New York is a challenging and fast-paced environment where interns can expect to work with line officers and support staff. Student Interns with the United States Pretrial Services for the Southern District of New York are provided a meaningful employment experience through a comprehensive view of the federal court system. Student Interns work closely with pretrial officers and learn many of the duties and responsibilities of a pretrial services officer. Student Interns have an opportunity to meet with personnel from other law enforcement agencies, United States Attorney's Office, Federal Defender's Office and United States Magistrate and District Judges.

The U.S. Pretrial Services Office's internship program is open to any individual who would like to volunteer his or her service. For students to be eligible to participate in the program for academic credit, they must be enrolled and in good academic standing at an accredited college or university. Candidates must have completed the equivalent of at least two semesters by the time they begin working for the court and must have the internship approved by their college or university. The above conditions do not apply for students who would like to participate not for academic credit but simply to gain practical experience.

The candidate must submit a resume including courses studied, work experience and other relevant information. Because of the laws of confidentiality and the sensitive nature of this assignment, the candidate must be willing to undergo a background check including a criminal record check.

Additional information about Pretrial Services is available on U.S. Courts web site:

<http://www.uscourts.gov/fedprob/introduction.htm>

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