Many students participate in law related experiences to give them a clear idea of their career path. They frequently seek internships with politicians and governmental agencies in Washington, D.C., Oklahoma City, or their home states or towns. Contact the appropriate elected official or agency to inquire about internship opportunities.

How to find summer internships in law firms:

- Decide on the markets in which you hope to work/intern/volunteer—Dallas, OKC, Stillwater, or your home town?

- Start at [http://www.martindale.com/](http://www.martindale.com/) or a local phone book to search for attorneys. Take the names of some individuals or law firms and internet search them to see what type of law they practice, how many lawyers in firm and look at attorney profiles. (Chances are you will even find some OSU alums who graduated from OK, TX, and other state law schools practicing in the area.)

- Get law firm names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses.

- Prepare a resume and a cover letter introducing yourself and indicating you are seeking a summer legal work experience and are open to assist with anything from clerical-copying and filing and answering phones-to physical work-delivering documents, organizing or scanning or moving boxes of case documents-whatever needs to be done. Suggest you will be there over spring break (give dates) or some other specified days and hope to interview with them.


- Send the resumes/cover letters by mail or attach to email and send to the office manager, hiring official, (if you can identify them from the website) or a partner (or an OSU alum at the firm with request to personally refer it to the appropriate hiring official).

- Call the firm contact a week or two ahead to ask to set up interview or ask if any additional materials are needed to keep you in consideration.

- Write hand-written thank-you notes for any assistance you receive in this process and for interviews granted-immediately following the interview and before you know the outcome (be sure they are neat enough to read and grammar is solid).
Here are a few more opportunities to explore:

**Henry Bellmon Leadership Award** is a scholarship to support OSU undergraduate students doing government-related internships in Washington, D.C. or with federal or state offices/agencies/legislatures. So if you are already confirmed for, or are currently in a selection process for such an internship in Washington, DC, in or OK, consider applying for summer support. Bellmon was established recognizing that many of these internships are low or no pay and it often costs a great deal to live away or travel to these summer internship experiences, so this award helps defray the cost of participating in this type of internship. Contact: Andrea Skimbo, 213 Life Sciences East, 405-744-5658

**Legal Aid Services** offers OSU juniors and seniors the opportunity to acquire experience in a legal environment while in Stillwater. Legal Aid is a non-profit legal services agency serving the needs of low-income Oklahomans. OSU seniors and juniors with 3.0 and above gpa may apply. Contact: Keely James, 213 Life Sciences East, 405-744-5658

**Live. Learn. Intern. Washington, D.C.** The Fund for American Studies sponsors academic internship programs with courses accredited by Georgetown University each summer, fall and spring. Summer Institutes on Comparative Political and Economic Systems, Economics and International Affairs, Political Journalism, Business and Government Affairs, and Philanthropy and Voluntary Service are offered as well as 4-month Capital Semester programs on Public Policy or Political Journalism. Along with targeted courses through Georgetown University, interns work 30 hour per week. Faculty members, advisors and employers may nominate students to receive priority consideration for admission and scholarship funding. www.Dcinternships.org

**White House Internship Program**
The White House Internship Program provides a unique opportunity to learn more about the daily operations of the White House. In addition to normal office duties, interns attend weekly lectures, volunteer at special events, participate in tours, and contribute to a community service project in the Washington, D.C. area. White House Internships are unpaid positions and participants are responsible for arranging their own transportation and housing. Approximately 100 interns are chosen each spring, summer, and fall to participate in this highly competitive program. Interns will be selected based on their application and demonstrated interest in public service. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age on or before the first day of the internship, enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program at a college or university, or graduated the previous semester, and a U.S. citizen. http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/internships/

For more information about seeking internships, also go to OSU Career Services: http://www.hireosugrads.com/