

Georgia Kuntz CLIP Internship Statement

I am seeking this internship because I believe having firsthand experience working in state departments or with state legislators is a valuable opportunity to deepen my understanding of political analysis, policymaking, and economic development. I am particularly passionate about developing economic strategies that strengthen the lower and middle classes, and this internship represents a meaningful next step toward a public service career that centers around those goals. Immersing myself in the daily operations of government, whether through legislative offices or departments focused on economic policy, would allow me to sharpen my writing, public speaking, and critical thinking skills in a dynamic and professional setting.

My commitment to public service is rooted in my prior experiences. I previously served as a Marketing and Volunteer Management intern for The HALO Foundation, a nonprofit addressing youth homelessness in Kansas City, Jefferson City, and abroad. In this role, I led volunteer activities and fundraising outreach, maintained our volunteer management system MyImpact, and helped develop ClubHALO and its Junior Board, a youth leadership initiative empowering students to organize service projects and fundraisers. These experiences taught me how to collaborate with diverse community partners, manage multiple responsibilities, and communicate across audiences, skills that are directly transferable to legislative and policy work.

I have also been an active and devoted member of Model United Nations for two years, attending national conferences where I have developed public speaking and diplomacy skills while working with peers to produce model resolutions that address both domestic and global policy issues. Additionally, I work at a French immersion school as a care assistant, supporting elementary-aged children in language acquisition and cultural learning. This role has honed my patience, adaptability, and ability to explain complex ideas in accessible ways.

These experiences have prepared me to thrive in a fast-paced governmental setting. I am a strong multitasker with excellent written and interpersonal communication skills. I understand how to break down large issues into concrete steps, and I take pride in working collaboratively to reach common goals. Whether assisting with legislative research, constituent services, or economic policy projects, I am eager to contribute to the work being done in Missouri's Capitol.

I plan to pursue a career in public service with a focus on economic development and equity-driven policymaking. Gaining direct exposure to the legislative process and to the real-world application of economic initiatives will help me grow into a more informed, effective, and empathetic public servant. I am excited to contribute to meaningful policy work while deepening my understanding of the systems I hope to one day help lead and reform.