

Internship/Externship Program

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA) offers internships to law students.

An OHA internship is a great opportunity for the student to gain significant experience in a judicial setting and improve legal writing skills as they will be working closely with the judges on a daily basis. Interns will spend the majority of their time conducting legal research, reviewing case files, and drafting orders for the judges. Depending on their ability, interns may also be given the opportunity to draft opinions to be issued by the judges. Interns are encouraged to observe pre-trial conferences, oral arguments, and any hearings conducted in our courtroom.

Location. The OHA is physically located at 409 3rd Street, SW, in Washington DC [note: this is not a valid postal mail address]. This location is served by Metro Bus, and the entrance to the Federal Center Southwest Metro Rail Station is at our building. Interns may be eligible for a transit subsidy through the Department.

Eligibility. The ideal candidates are law students residing in the DC Metro area during the semester for which they are applying. For fall and spring internships, candidates must have completed their first year of law school. For summer internships, candidates must have completed their second year of law school. Interns must be available to work a minimum of 16 hours per week. Work hours and days are flexible based on the candidate's schedule. Interns must be U.S. citizens.

Academic Credit. If available and pursued by an intern, OHA will provide time certification and evaluation to meet the requirements for law school course credit.

How to Apply. Students should submit applications by email to alj.alj@hud.gov. Subject line should be intern application and semester(s) for which applying. Attachments should include a cover letter, resume, transcript, and a writing sample of no more than ten pages. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, but complete internship applications must be received by the following deadlines to be considered:

Fall internships: June 30th
Spring internships: October 31st
Summer internships: March 31st