

# WHY APPLY TO THE LEGISLATIVE AIDE LEADERSHIP FELLOWS PROGRAM AS A *FASHION* *MERCHANDISING MAJOR?*

*The program is a full-time spring fellowship opportunity for FACS undergraduate and graduate students to intern for a Georgia senator/representative during the Georgia General Assembly session at the Capitol in Atlanta. Interns also act as a guide to fellow FACS students, faculty, and legislators at the annual FACS Day at the Capitol in February.*

## *Knowledge, Skills, and Experiences Employers Want That You'll Receive After Completing This Fellowship:*

- Develop a deeper understanding of policies and processes that affect consumer purchases, consumer clothing and sourcing
- Become a better more informed buyer, designer, stylist, or entrepreneur
- Apply your classroom knowledge of marketing, trend analysis, and brand management
- Create connections with influential leaders and lawmakers who make decisions that impact the apparel and design of consumer clothing
- Make a large-scale impact on the everyday lives of Georgians
- Significant leadership development in a unique, consequential environment
- Ability to communicate and develop relationships with diverse audiences from constituents to senior-level leadership, much like with potential clients and managers
- Conflict management and creative problem-solving
- Open-mindedness, patience, flexibility, and an ability to create a welcoming, inclusive environment
- Manage multiple projects in a dynamic, fast-paced environment
- Demonstrate initiative and ability to take on far-reaching responsibility
- Public speaking, document analysis, and customer service skills
- **STAND OUT IN FUTURE INTERVIEWS WITH A UNIQUE, POWERFUL INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE**

## *Other Reasons to Apply:*

- Earn up to 12 hours of course credit when enrolled in FACS 5910 or FACS 7910
- Receive a \$4,000 stipend for living expenses
- Satisfy the Experiential Learning requirement (undergraduate students)
- Work with an alumni mentor who has previous Legislative Aide experience
- Become career ready by attaining and demonstrating competencies that prepare you for the workplace

## *Responsibilities:*

- Attend and report on legislative committee meetings as well as Senate and House Chamber sessions
- Manage legislator communication (email, social media, etc.)
- Welcome visitors including lobbyists, constituents and special interest groups
- Research and report on current legislation
- Organize office files and update legislator's calendar
- Represent designated legislator at various networking events

\*Must be available to start work in Atlanta before UGA classes start

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