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**The Politics & Journalism Semester**

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Thanks for your interest in The Politics & Journalism Semester program. Please see the application form available at our web site for our Winter/Spring 2012 Class, the next we'll be recruiting. Nominees submitted by participating universities and direct applications from students at other schools are due by **Friday, April 6, 2012**.

Students at colleges not on our list of "participating universities" can apply directly to the program. A student who attends or has attended one of those schools must be the nominee (limited to two per semester) of his or her school. Note from the brochure that we accept juniors, seniors, graduate students and recent (usually within one year) graduates.

An applicant's career goal must be **political reporting**, not a career in politics. We are particularly looking for print students with solid published clips (from college papers, other publication internships or part-time jobs) and for broadcast students who have had some kind of hands-on experience at a college station or commercial broadcast station or network.

Please understand that the principal purpose of our program is not to teach students about journalism, though they learn more about journalism in the internship portion of the 16-week experience. Our purpose is to teach **future political reporters** about politics, to enhance their ability to practice political journalism.

We consider students who are not U.S. citizens, but generally they are from countries where English is spoken as the primary language, or they are currently, or have recently been, studying in the U.S. Foreign applicants not meeting those criteria must demonstrate superior written and spoken English proficiency, and they must meet the same standards as American students, including high quality writing skill in American-style journalism (essential to placement in a Washington news bureau.) If a non-U.S. citizen is selected for the program, the Center will seek appropriate visa status for work-study, unless the student already has such status.

Regards,



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P.S. If you are a student and wish to apply, see our list of colleges to determine if your school is one of our participating universities – in which case, see the contact at your school to be considered for nomination. If yours is not a participating school, you may apply directly to us.