

WISE Internship Program

Since 1980, the WISE sponsoring societies select outstanding engineering students to participate in the nine-week WISE program in Washington, D.C. Students discover how government officials make decisions on complex technological issues, while also learning how engineers and scientists can contribute to the legislative process and regulatory decision-making.



ACTIVITIES

The WISE interns work with a faculty-member-in-residence (FMR) who creates a schedule of meetings, field trips, and events where the WISE interns interact with leaders in the U.S. Congress, the Administration, and federal agencies, industry, and prominent NGOs.

THE PAPER

Each intern is responsible for independently researching and writing a 30–40-page paper on a topical engineering-related, public policy issue that is relevant to the sponsoring society and their degree program. The research papers are published in the WISE Journal of Engineering and Public Policy.

THE PRESENTATION

To conclude the program, each WISE intern develops a 10-minute oral presentation on their topic. Presentations occur in a Congressional hearing room when possible. Guests are invited to observe and participate in Q&A.

COST TO A SPONSORING SOCIETY

To sponsor one intern, the total cost to a society is approximately \$10,000. The students receive a stipend of \$3,000.00 to assist with living and travel expenses. Additionally, the societies collectively fund a stipend for the FMR and provide housing to students on GWU's campus.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The over 200 former WISE interns have moved on to become:

- Truman Scholars
- PhD Candidates
- Congressional and White House staff
- Nuclear Engineers
- Chemical Engineers
- Mechanical Engineers
- Supply Chain R&D Engineers
- Lawyers
- Consultants
- Professors
- Public Policy Professionals
- Research Scientists
- And more