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To: Faculty and Staff

From: Kim Hayden, Director  
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Re: Internship Opportunity -- University of Illinois Springfield

I have enclosed information regarding the *Graduate Public Service Internship Program (GPSI) at the University of Illinois Springfield*. For over 35 years, GPSI has been ranked as one of the premier governmental internship programs in Illinois and has received national recognition for identifying and developing government leaders.

Please help us continue this tradition of excellence by reviewing and sharing this information with interested students at your institution. In addition to the many campus career fairs we visit each year, we also welcome the opportunity to visit your campus to speak with interested students involved with academic organizations and/or to deliver classroom presentations.

**GRADUATE PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

The Graduate Public Service Internship Program is a unique internship experience that provides highly motivated graduate students with the opportunity to simultaneously begin a career in Illinois government while earning a master's degree from the University of Illinois Springfield. After completing program requirements, many interns continue working in state government while others gain employment at other levels of government or pursue opportunities in the private sector. As a means to help interns integrate academic knowledge and professional work experience, all GPSI interns must complete one credit hour of mandatory GPSI seminar.

GPSI interns serve a 21-month paid internship at a local or state agency while working on a graduate degree at UIS. Program benefits include a maximum of 40 credit hours tuition waiver paid by the placement agency, an annual \$300 allowance for professional development resources, and a \$500 allotment towards mandatory student fees. Interns work 20 hours per week during the academic year for a stipend of \$950 per month, and 37.5 hours per week during the summer for a monthly stipend of \$1900.

Graduate students from all academic programs who have completed either an undergraduate or advanced degree are welcome to apply. Applicants who are pursuing an undergraduate degree must have been awarded the degree prior to starting the internship. For first round consideration, the applicant's GPSI file must be complete by March 15, 2010. Interviews will be held in April 2010, for internships that commence August 16, 2010. For additional information, interested students may call the UIS Office of Graduate Intern Programs at 217.206.6158 or visit the GPSI website at <http://gpsi.uis.edu>.

Thank you in advance for sharing this internship opportunity with your students. If you have questions or need additional information, I welcome the opportunity to talk with you. Please contact me by telephone at 217.206.6155 or via email at [khayd1@uis.edu](mailto:khayd1@uis.edu).

