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The University of Montana Western
Office of Career Services

Dear Director of Career Services,

American University’s Graduate Professional Studies (GPS) gives your recent graduates an excellent way to explore the professional world and graduate school—at the same time. This one-semester program is a perfect next step for recent college graduates who want to:

- build a professional network, with an internship or focused research in Washington, D.C., that can lead to enhanced career contacts and possibly a job, or

- begin graduate studies with a few courses that can be transferred and used to strengthen graduate school applications.

By earning 9-graduate credits through coursework and completing a three days-per-week internship, students have opportunities to explore careers, build professional networks, and bolster graduate school applications. Students can choose from five program tracks to best suit their academic and professional interests: U.S. Politics & Policy, Biotechnology, International Affairs, Global Business & Trade, and Diplomacy, Defense, and Development.

Graduate Professional Studies also offers a 7-week Summer Program in which rising senior undergraduate students, graduate students, and young professionals in DC can take a 3-credit seminar in Political Communication or Sports Management & Media, complemented by professional development activities and support. Whether the student is looking to better position himself or herself in the work place, or an intern spending the summer in DC, students will develop skills needed to navigate the changing dynamics of two popular career fields.

Applications are now being accepted for our summer 2016, fall 2016, and spring 2017 programs. Enclosed please find a GPS poster and additional information on our program. If you or your students have any questions, please contact me at knox@american.edu or at 202-895-4859. More information can also be found online www.american.edu/spexs/gps.

I look forward to working with you and welcoming your students and alumni to AU’s Graduate Professional Studies soon!

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