SEMESTER
OF SERVICE

BUILD SKILLS. GAIN EXPERIENCE. SERVE THE NATION.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Semester of Service Student Volunteer Program connects students with meaningful, project-based opportunities across the federal government. Participants gain hands-on experience, professional mentorship, and insight into federal careers while contributing to real agency initiatives.

Semester of Service is a government-wide, unpaid student volunteer program designed to:

- Provide valuable public service experience
- Support academic and experiential learning goals
- Introduce students to career pathways in the federal government
- Strengthen professional and technical skills through real-world assignments

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

- Currently enrolled not less than half-time in a qualifying educational institution
- In good academic standing
- Pursuing an education in any field of study
- Interested in public service, experiential learning, or capstone-style projects
- Eager to explore careers in the federal government

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Cohort Experience – Join a structured national cohort of up to 200 students.
- Project-Based Work – Contribute to clearly defined assignments that support real federal initiatives.
- Professional Mentorship – Receive guidance and supervision from federal professionals.
- Nationwide Placements – Opportunities available across the country, not limited to Washington, D.C.
- Minimum 90-Day Commitment – A structured service term that provides meaningful engagement and measurable impact.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

- Build résumé-ready experience
- Develop professional and leadership skills
- Strengthen communication and collaboration abilities
- Gain insight into how federal agencies operate
- Expand professional networks
- Become more competitive for future federal opportunities

HOW TO APPLY

Students may apply through SemesterOfService.USAJOBS.gov for in-person, remote, or hybrid volunteer service opportunities available nationwide.