

Expectations for PS-99 During COVID-19

The Political Science Department at Tufts University is pleased to offer academic credit for internships through PS-99 during the academic year.

The course offering titled Internship: Fieldwork in Politics offers students in the Political Science Department an opportunity to work with such employers as legislators, campaigns, news media, lobbies, law firms, and administrative agencies (hereinafter referred to as “PS-99 internship”).

In the current public health environment, where there is an ongoing risk of transmission of COVID-19, the University is committed to prioritizing the health and safety of the Tufts community, as well as the general public. This commitment extends to students who choose to participate in the PS-99 internship and to all individuals they may come in contact with during the PS-99 internship.

This document reflects the shared expectations around PS-99 internship participation during the COVID-19 pandemic and should be shared with the PS-99 internship program and student participants before the internship begins. Signed copies of this document should be retained by the relevant academic department or program. Students should only share this document with their program and sign it if their PS-99 internship will involve in-person, face-to-face work at any time; this document is not needed for internships that are fully remote.

Acknowledgement Form for Internship Program Director/Administrator

- Tufts University expects the Internship Program to take appropriate precautions to prioritize the health and safety of all participants, including but not limited to, the following infection-control measures:
 - Require **face coverings** for all individuals who are unable to socially distance.
 - Encourage **social distancing** wherever possible so that individuals can remain at least six feet apart.
 - Remind individuals and visitors to maintain **good hygiene practices**, including regular hand washing, avoiding touching one’s face, and disinfecting workspaces and equipment frequently and prior to use by other participants.
 - Provide **infection-control supplies**, including hand-washing and sanitizing stations, cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE) as needed.
 - Instruct all individuals to **stay home** if they (or a member of their household) develops a fever or exhibits COVID-19 symptoms. Symptoms commonly associated with COVID-19 include, but are not limited to: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea.
- Tufts will instruct students to follow the Internship Program guidelines around infection control and, where appropriate, to supply their own face coverings. Tufts will also instruct students to sign the Internship Program Acknowledgement form attached below.

The Externship Program understands and agrees to abide by these expectations.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Acknowledgement Form for Students in Internship Program

I, _____ [student name], hereby agree and acknowledge that I am solely responsible for my choice to engage in an internship at [location] and voluntarily choose to participate in the program titled Internship: Fieldwork in Politics (the “PS-99 internship”). I therefore assume all dangers and risks inherent with participating.

I acknowledge and understand that I will be required to abide by all of the PS-99 internship policies and procedures, including but not limited to any policy or procedure implemented in response to COVID-19 that may include requirements to wear face coverings and other personal protective equipment, daily symptom attestation, as well as other policies and procedures.

I understand that by participating in a PS-99 internship at this time, I may be exposed to certain dangers and risks, including but not limited to all risks associated with contracting COVID-19.

By signing below, I hereby acknowledge that I have been informed of the risks that may be associated with participating in the PS-99 internship.

I consent to emergency medical treatment, including, but not limited to, COVID-19 testing, and transportation as medical professionals may deem appropriate in the event I suffer an injury arising out of my participation in the PS-99 internship.

I understand that due to the fast changing nature of the current environment and the state of emergency, the PS-99 internship reserves the right to evaluate the risk to students, visitors and the public health and to cancel the PS-99 internship based on that evaluation if needed.

I have read the statement, understand it, and agree to abide by it.

Signature: _____
(If under 18 years old Parent/Guardian must sign)

Date: _____