



## BUREAU OF CONFLICT AND STABILIZATION OPERATIONS

*Anticipating, Preventing, and Responding to Conflict*

# Student Internship Program Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations (CSO) U.S. Department of State

### How do I apply?

We are accepting intern applications now for the Fall 2018 semester online at: <http://snip.state.gov/hvc>. Our internships are full-time, unpaid, and run for 10 weeks. The application deadline is March 2, 2018.

"I didn't walk away from this internship with great references, I walked away with an amazing job and am now part of the CSO team as a full-time employee!"

### Who can apply?

- ✓ U.S. citizens
- ✓ At least 16 years old
- ✓ Can maintain security clearance
- ✓ Willing to work full-time
- ✓ At least a 3.0 GPA
- ✓ At least a college junior
- ✓ Currently taking at least a half-time academic course load
- ✓ Plan to return to course work following the internship

### What's in it for me?

Beyond being a part of the State Department, our interns have an opportunity to work side-by-side with American diplomats, seeing policy formulation in progress. Through their inside look at the State Department our interns gain valuable government work experience, new job skills, networking opportunities, a valid security clearance, potential for great references, and future job opportunities.

### Why CSO?

As part of the application process, you will select your first choice of bureaus within the State Department. If you want to be on the cutting edge of foreign policy issues focused on anticipating, preventing, and responding to conflict, CSO is the Bureau for you! Our interns fully participate in every aspect of the Bureau from conducting research and analyzing data, to drafting memos, and facilitating outreach.



"I did not anticipate nor could have asked for a more rewarding experience. I can only hope that I contributed as much as I learned."

### What issues does CSO handle?

CSO staff and interns work on a wide range of issues surrounding conflict and stabilization efforts. The key policy issues we are focused on as a Bureau are: supporting peace processes, defeating ISIS, countering violent extremism, preventing election violence, facilitating defections from armed groups, and preventing atrocities.

"I felt a part of the team from day one! I learned so much and put my experience to use in my senior year, writing a paper based on some of my intern research."