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LEGISLATURE SEEKS COLLEGE STUDENTS FOR INTERN POSITIONS FOR 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

PIERRE – Twenty-two college and university students will get a hands-on, insider's look at the legislative process as interns when the South Dakota Legislature convenes in January for the 2026 Legislative Session.

Students may be in any class year to apply, from freshman to graduate student, and all majors are eligible. Deadline to apply to the South Dakota Legislature for an intern position is **OCTOBER 17, 2025**.

LRC's internship program immerses students in the daily operation of the Legislature and provides them with both an in-depth understanding of the legislative process and a front row seat to discussions and decisions on the issues impacting South Dakotans. Interns work closely with legislative leadership, assist lawmakers and LRC staff during committee hearings, conduct research and monitor legislation, attend closed-door caucus meetings, and help lawmakers with constituent services and other legislative tasks. They also have the opportunity to participate in outside events related to the Legislature.

Students receive a salary of \$185 for each day worked, which for the full session and orientation amounts to \$7,215 in compensation. They may also receive college credits for their internship.

Additional information on the internship program including an application can be found on the LRC [website](#). To complete the application, the student must [sign up](#) for a free MyLRC+ account. Applications for the intern positions, as well as other requested application materials including two letters of recommendation, must be filed with the Legislative Research Council (LRC) by **OCTOBER 17, 2025**.

The 101st South Dakota Legislative Session runs from January 13, 2026, to March 30, 2026, with a recess from March 13-27.

Students wanting more information should contact the Intern Coordinator, Legislative Research Council, 500 East Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501; email InternProgram@sdlegislature.gov; or call (605) 773-3251.