

INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Morgan Fong

Graduation Semester & Year: Spring '26

Semester & Year of Internship: Summer '24

Major: Political Science

Minors: Legal Psychology & Spanish

Hobbies: Reading books and spending time with friends

Campus Activities: Student Government, College Democrats, Pre-Law Society

Future Plans/Career Goals: Environmental Law

Hometown:

Trafford, PA



- **Internship (company/your title):**
National Waterways Conference (NWC)/Governmental Affairs Intern
- **How did you find your internship?**
I found my internship through The Washington Center's summer internship program.
- **What were your duties?**
I attended virtual meetings with members to discuss their company's interest in policy, take notes during House committee hearings, and analyze policy like the Water Resources Development Act.
- **How many hours per week were you at your internship site?**
32
- **What did you enjoy most about your internship?**
I enjoyed spending time getting to know my supervisor and the various members of the conference. Being NWC's only intern, many of them gave me great personal advice about the field and became great mentors for me throughout my internship.
- **What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?**
At some points, it felt like I had dived head first into the deep end because there were a lot of high level conversations happening around me. Over time, I became more acclimated to the environment, but it was a little overwhelming for the first few weeks.
- **How did your experience at UPG and in the Political Science department prepare you for your internship?**
Several of my political science classes helped me understand some of the structures of things like bills and House votes, but nothing can really prepare you for a career like hands on experience.
- **How has your internship prepared you for a career?**
My internship gave me a firsthand look into what my future could look like and what a real job could be like in the field.
- **What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?**
I would recommend spending time to get to know other interns and your supervisor. Unfortunately, I was the solo intern for my company, but by getting to know my supervisor, I was able to establish a great mentor for my future career.

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