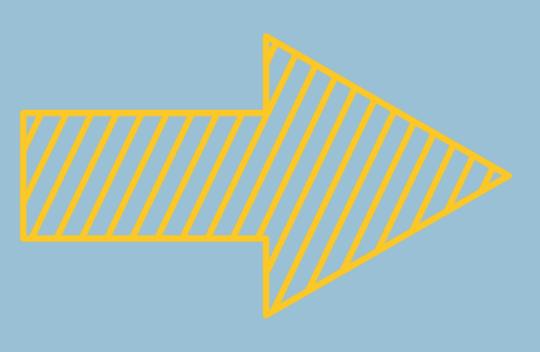
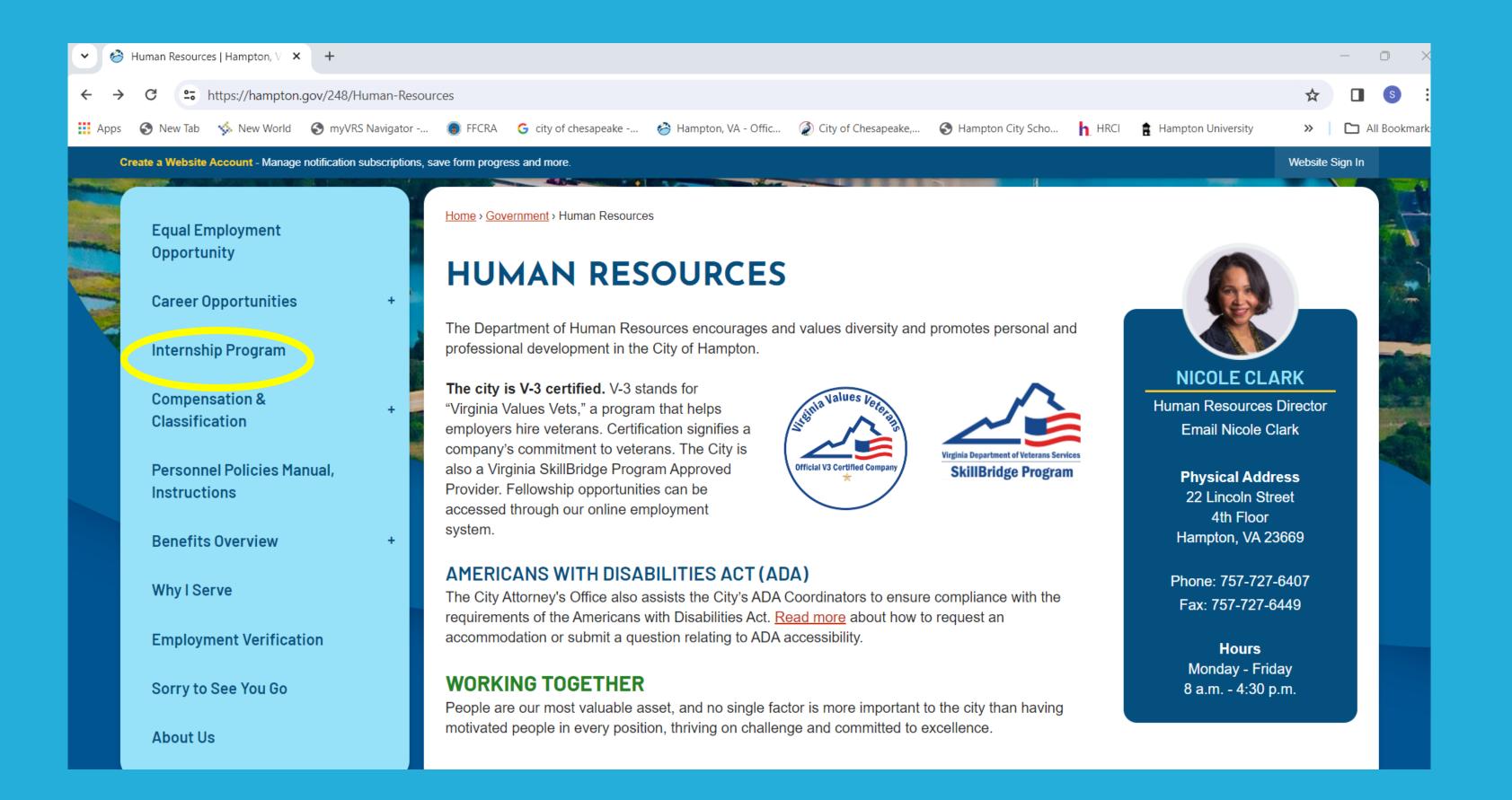
## City of Hampton Internship Program



## Program Overview & Goals



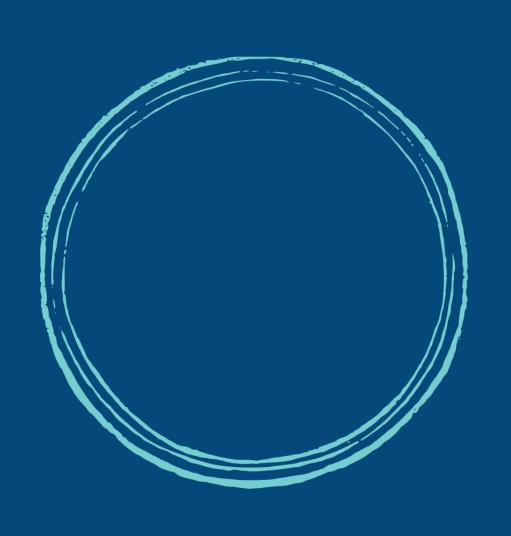
- College students will experience a dynamic learning environment to apply their academic skills in a real-world setting.
- College students will engage in a number of activities and receive an immersive experience in the workings of city governance.
- The program provides an opportunity for college students to bridge the gap between theory and application, leading to personal and professional growth.





https://hampton.gov/4168/Internship-Program

## Program Components



- Centralized in the Human Resources
   Department the internship program will be consistent across all City departments.
- Students strategically placed in one of our various departments to acquire practical experience aligned with their field of study.
- Human Resources and departments collaborate to create tailored work plans and enhanced learning opportunities.

# 1. Centralized Coordination

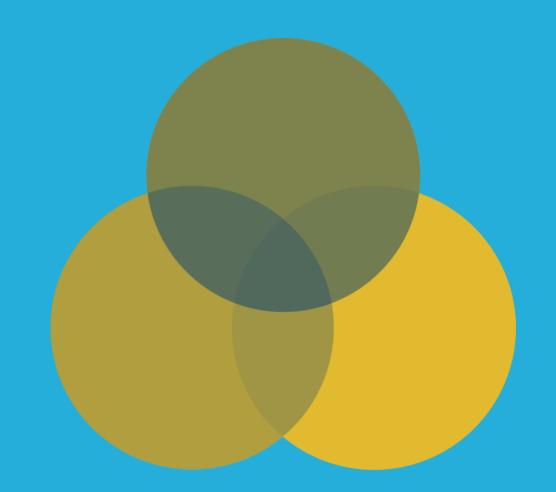
Human Resources will act as a central point of coordination for all internship placements. This means that while departments will still participate in the selection of interns, Human Resources will facilitate the process to ensure a smoother and more standardized experience for all involved.

# 2. Customized Internship Plans

Each department has unique needs and goals. Human Resources will work closely with department heads to create customized internship plans that align with departmental objectives while providing valuable learning opportunities for interns.

## 3.

#### **Cross-Departmental Exposure**

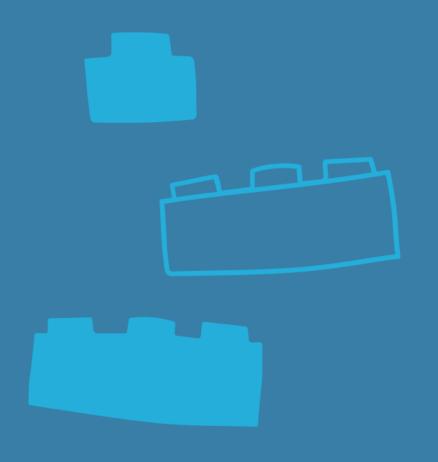


To enhance the intern experience, Human Resources and departments will actively explore opportunities for interns to work on **cross-departmental projects**. This approach will broaden their knowledge and skills while fostering collaboration among teams.

## 4.

#### Support and Resources

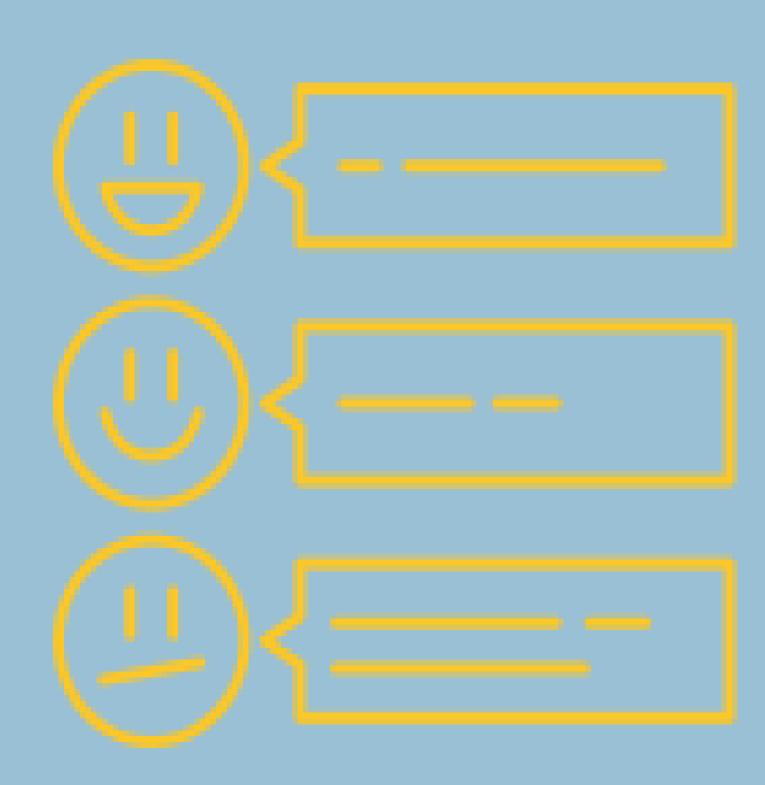
Human Resources will provide support and resources to both interns and department supervisors. This ensures that interns receive guidance and feedback throughout their internship, helping them grow professionally.



## 5.

#### Feedback and Evaluation

Human Resources will implement a standardized feedback and evaluation process to assess the impact of the internship program. This will help identify areas for improvement and ensure that both interns and departments benefit from the experience.



### Our Shared Goal

Ultimately, our goal is to maintain the flexibility and individuality of departmental internships while enhancing the overall quality and impact of the internship program.

By working together, we can create a more collaborative, enriching, and supportive experience for college and graduate level interns, which, in turn, will contribute to the continued success of our high performing organization.



### Recruitment

While Hampton provides diverse employment initiatives like our Summer Youth Employment Program, SkillBridge, Fellowships and Apprenticeship programs across various departments, the internship program specifically targets local college students and recent graduates.

This program aims to offer course credits and hands-on experience, ultimately fostering a pipeline for recruiting future employees.



## Strategic Vision

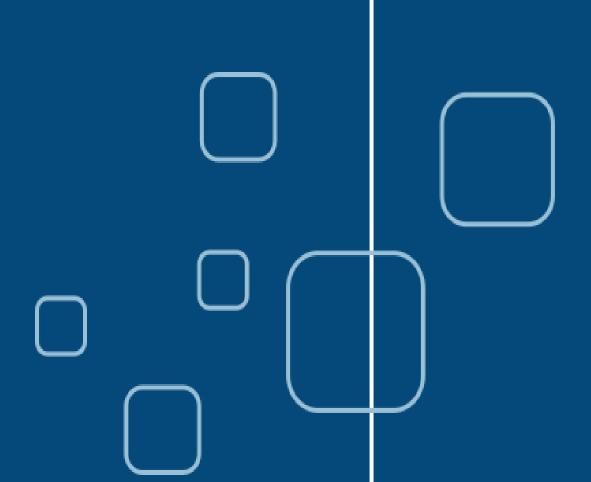
The City of Hampton Internship Program strives to align its strategic priorities by providing practical experience in projects that foster economic growth, community development, environmental sustainability, educational advancement, and public safety. This not only furthers the City's strategic goals but also bolsters recruitment by identifying and training potential future employees who are invested in these objectives.







## Next Steps



- Application Deadline March 3, 2024
- February March
  - Review & Screen Applications
  - Finalize Department Work Plans
- March April
  - Select interns (8 participants)
- May August
  - Internship program dates

## QUESTIONS?