



## Military Community and Family Policy Fact Sheet

### Data

- ✔ *More than 400 university students and recent graduates have participated in the program to date.*
- ✔ *Internships range from 10-15 weeks.*
- ✔ *More than 25 percent of interns eligible for employment were hired with military child and youth services because of this internship.*

### Background

In April 2010, the departments of Agriculture and Defense launched the [Military Extension Internship Program](#), a workforce development initiative that provides college students and recent college graduates with practical work experience in child and youth programs on military installations around the world. The MEIP provides students with a unique opportunity to gain valuable professional experience, develop knowledge and skills to be competitive in their job search and create a valuable network of professional contacts. The MEIP also promotes the development of a pool of well-qualified, experienced child and youth development professionals, many of whom return to work for military programs after they graduate from college.

### Highlights

- Interns are placed in military child care programs that serve children and youth from birth to age 18 on military installations around the world.
- Interns receive a broad range of experiences during the internship such as working in child development centers, school age programs or youth centers; enhancing programmatic or child care efforts; connecting families to support systems; and engaging new youth or families in various programs.
- While each intern experience is unique, interns will have the opportunity to work in both programmatic and management areas to further their understanding of child care management.





- Compensation varies.
- Interns can also work with their school and the internship coordinator to see if the internship counts for academic credit — and, if so, to go over the requirements needed to receive academic credit at their school.
- Applicants must be a degree-seeking student (or recent graduate) majoring in child care, youth development, human development, education, recreation, or a similar program.
- To apply for the program, an applicant must also meet the following requirements:
  - Be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident
  - Have a GPA of at least 2.75/4.0
  - Have completed at least five semesters of college classes by the start of the internship
  - Plan to pursue a professional career similar to the major
- The application requires an essay of 600 or fewer words, two recommendation forms and official transcripts.

## Additional information

**Military Extension Internship Program** - <https://ag.purdue.edu/extension/militaryinternships/Pages/MilitaryInternships.aspx>

