



MC&FP FACT SHEET

Data

- ✔ *More than 200 university students and recent graduates have participated in the program to date.*
- ✔ *Internships range from ten to fifteen weeks in length and all interns work forty hours a week, with four hours set aside each week for professional development.*
- ✔ *The MEIP is a DoD workforce development program and is funded through the DoD's Office of Family Policy/Children and Youth.*
- ✔ *More than 20 percent of eligible interns have found placement working within the DoD's Child Development Program.*

Military Extension Internship Program

Background

In April 2010, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of Defense (DoD) launched the **Military Extension Internship Program** (MEIP), 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

- The program is aimed at accomplishing three primary objectives to address the needs of military families:
 - increase and strengthen community capacity in support of military families
 - increase professional and workforce development opportunities for those working with military families
 - expand and strengthen military family, child care, and youth development programs





- Interns are placed in programs that serve military children and youth from birth to age eighteen 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.
- Compensation varies by military branch, but all interns receive a stipend and assistance to cover basic living expenses. Interns can also work with their school and the Internship Coordinator to count the internship for academic credit.
- To apply for the program, an applicant must meet the following requirements:
 - be a United States citizen or a permanent resident
 - have a GPA of at least 2.75/4.0
 - have completed at least four semesters of college classes
 - be majoring in child development, youth development, recreation, management, or a similar program, and plan to pursue a professional career similar to the major
- The application requires a 600-word (or less) essay, two recommendation forms, and official transcripts from any institution of higher education at which the applicant is a degree-seeking student.

Additional Information

MEIP - www.ydae.purdue.edu/military

