

# Maine Government Summer Internship Program

The Maine Government Summer Internship Program places talented college students in internships in which they contribute to Maine state and local government. The students gain meaningful work experience, make professional connections, and gain insight into career goals. The supervisors benefit from eager workers with fresh perspectives and a variety of skills who care deeply about contributing to Maine government.

The Internship Program is a full-time, 12-week, paid work experience. To be eligible, a student must either be enrolled in a Maine college or be a Maine resident enrolled elsewhere and have successfully completed at least two years of college. Students are chosen based on skills and interests; all majors are eligible.

Supervisors select projects for the intern to accomplish and identify the skills required for the job. A selection committee reviews all applications and makes the final selections. Consideration is given to education and skills in relation to the available internship positions.

This year, 265 students from 76 different schools applied, and 63 were selected. Most state interns were placed in the Augusta area while 19 were placed in municipal and county governments.

The program, established in 1967 by the 103rd Legislature, has placed close to 1,800 students in Maine government internships.



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Attorney General Aaron Frey (left) with interns and supervisors at the Blaine House

## MAJOR PROJECTS OF THE 2019 MAINE GOVERNMENT INTERNS

The 2019 Maine government summer interns were selected for positions in 14 different departments of state government and 16 municipal and county governments. Interns are matched with supervisors and are hired for specific projects while also assisting in general workflow.

### *Interns used their scientific training to*

- inspect a wetland construction area for treatment of leachate
- create content for web pages about topics related to pesticides and human health
- inspect facilities for unlicensed or out-of-compliance air equipment
- survey roadside vegetation for pollinator habitat for monarch butterflies
- carry out research in the Milk Quality Laboratory for the Department of Agriculture
- gather data on the condition of stream crossings to assess their ability to pass fish and other aquatic organisms
- perform reviews of landfill reports and participate in landfill inspections
- Conduct assessments and energy audits at Army National Guard facilities throughout the state
- create survey plans for roads, research deeds and rights of way
- sample groundwater-monitoring wells at remediation sites

### *Interns used their communications skills to*

- create infographics to explain components of the state education system to the public
- explain Maine's catalytic converter program requirements to auto repair shops throughout the state
- make a step-by-step guide for public officials who will be using a mapping program in the future
- create and distribute a climate research survey so staff can create a research network
- write social media posts on historical and current information about Maine
- write and distribute flyers and news releases, update websites
- work in the code enforcement office and help the officers communicate with the public on key issues
- script work and on-screen talent for a State of Maine YouTube video series

### *Interns used their computer/technology skills to*

- analyze special education data using R programming
- redesign a town's entire website
- create an Excel-based tracking tool that aggregates state and non-state climate action and adaptation projects
- create a data analytics manual for an HR training program
- update a database of all public-sector establishments in the state for the Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (SOII)
- work on MaineDOT's Bridge Inspection Data Base
- create a video to explain the state's process for school funding
- overhaul the city's web-based GIS system, including mapping, field verifications, and training for users

### *Interns used their analytical skills to*

- research electric vehicle charging stations
- provide attorneys with legal research to strengthen their arguments
- write a new consumer guide, "Downeaster Common Sense Guide: Five Debt Traps, Five Credit Solutions"
- map storm and wastewater systems throughout a city
- make a historical map for a special library project, using maps from the 1800s and overlaying features of the city today
- work with the planning department on bicycle/pedestrian projects and make architectural drawings
- review a city's comprehensive plan and, doing research, update the figures, data, graphs and maps
- research policy issues being discussed in the city (short-term rentals, marijuana licensing, accessory dwelling units)
- research and write a report: "The State of Housing in Maine"
- create a database of recreational resources for a town and write a proposal for a new wayfinding sign program
- prepare a sampling and analysis plan for contaminants at a closed landfill

## 2019 MAINE GOVERNMENT SUMMER INTERNS AND SUPERVISORS

### State Interns

<i>Internship title</i>	<i>Intern name, hometown</i>	<i>Intern college, major</i>	<i>Supervisor name, title and division</i>
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#### Maine Department of Administrative and Financial Services

Social Media and Graphic Design Assistant	<b>Marissa Smith</b> Farmingdale, ME	<i>The University of Maine</i> Communication	<b>Jessica Crosby</b> Bureau of Human Resources Director of Talent Management
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#### Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry

Stream Barrier Survey Technician	<b>Anne Trapp</b> Topsham, ME	<i>Bates College</i> Environmental Studies	<b>Tom Gilbert</b> Water Resources Specialist Maine Forest Service
Stream Barrier Survey Technician	<b>Matthew Bonner</b> Haverhill, MA	<i>University of Maine</i> Ecology and Environmental Science	
Laboratory Intern	<b>Karen Stemm</b> Gorham, ME	<i>Husson University</i> Biology	<b>Linda Stahlnecker</b> Dairy Program Supervisor Quality Assurance & Regulation
Toxicology and Outreach Assistant	<b>Claire Reid</b> Harpwell, ME	<i>University of Notre Dame</i> Political Science/Economics	<b>Pam Bryer</b> Toxicologist Board of Pesticides Control

#### Maine Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management

Energy and Engineering Manager Assistant	<b>Joshua Furgeson</b> Topsham, ME	<i>University of New Hampshire</i> Mechanical Engineering	<b>Alan Ballard</b> Energy Manager Maine Army National Guard
Energy and Engineering Manager Assistant	<b>Hayden Ouellette</b> Augusta, ME	<i>University of Maine</i> Mechanical Engineering	
GIS Infrastructure Analyst	<b>Helen Cunningham</b> Portland, ME	<i>Kenyon College</i> Political Science/Economics	<b>Daisy Mueller</b> Homeland Security Program Manager Maine Emergency Management Agency
State Capability Assessment Intern	<b>Adam Rost</b> Cumberland, ME	<i>Maine Maritime Academy</i> International Business and Logistics	<b>Joe Legee</b> Director, Mitigation, Planning, and Response Division, MEMA

#### Maine Department of Education

Education Commissioner's Office Intern	<b>Simon Handelman</b> Freeport, ME	<i>George Washington University</i> Political Science	<b>Rachel Paling</b> Director of Communications Commissioner's Office
Education Commissioner's Office Intern	<b>Emmeline Willey</b> Monmouth, ME	<i>University of Maine</i> Media Studies	
Data Analyst and Instruction Assistant	<b>Griffin Tibbitts</b> Bath, ME	<i>McGill University</i> History	<b>Richard Bergeron</b> Data Reporting Coordinator School Finance and Operations
K-12 School Enrollment Intern	<b>Katherine Sawyer</b> Falmouth, ME	<i>University of Maine School of Law</i>	<b>Pamela Ford-Taylor</b> School Enrollment Specialist School Compliance

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### Maine Department of Education

School Finance Resource Assistant	<b>Ariel Lam</b> Oradell, New Jersey	<i>Bates College</i> Sociology/Math	<b>Tyler Backus</b> School Finance & Compliance Coordinator
School Finance Media Content Creator	<b>Katherine Gunther</b> Farmington, ME	<i>Roger Williams University</i> Graphic Design	

### Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Emissions Inventory and Outreach Specialist	<b>Lars Gundersen</b> Freeport, ME	<i>Bates College</i> Politics / Environmental Studies	<b>Stacy Knapp</b> Emissions Inventory Section Manager Bureau of Air Quality
Vehicle Emissions Program Assistant	<b>Simon Burch</b> Buckfield, ME	<i>University of Southern Maine</i> Political Science	<b>Lynne Cayting</b> Mobile Sources Section Chief Bureau of Air Quality
Climate Services Assistant	<b>Victor Dankens</b> Belmont, MA	<i>Bowdoin College</i> Mathematics and Economics	<b>Nathan Robbins</b> Climate Change Specialist Office of the Commissioner
Air Monitoring Special Projects Assistant	<b>Laura Paye</b> West Springfield, MA	<i>University of Maine</i> Marine Science/ Ecology and Environmental Science	<b>Andrew Johnson</b> Division Director of Air Quality Assessment Bangor Regional Office
Assistant Project Manager	<b>Hannah Peasley</b> Brooksville, ME	<i>University of Maine</i> Civil Engineering	<b>Brian Beneski</b> Program Manager, Uncontrolled Sites, Landfill Closure & Remediation Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management
Air Licensing and Outreach Specialist	<b>Kaitlyn MacNeil</b> Orono, ME	<i>University of Maine</i> Communication Science and Disorders	<b>Jane Gilbert</b> Air Licensing Unit Manager Bureau of Air Quality
Solid Waste Engineering Unit Assistant	<b>Tyme Finnerty</b> Auburn, ME	<i>University of Vermont</i> Environmental Engineering	<b>Kathleen Tarbuck</b> Senior Environmental Engineer Remediation & Waste Management/ Technical Services
Hydrogeology Assistant	<b>Vanessa Paoella</b> Dingmans Ferry, PA	<i>Bates College</i> Geology and Biology	<b>Molly King</b> Senior Environmental Hydrogeologist Remediation/Technical Services

### Maine Department of Labor

Center for Workforce Research and Information Research Assistant	<b>Mira Wyman</b> Falmouth, ME	<i>University of Rhode Island</i> Accounting	<b>Ruth Pease</b> Principal Economic Research Analyst
Public Sector Establishment Analyst	<b>Owen MacDonald</b> Hallowell, ME	<i>Northwestern University</i> Mathematics	<b>Victor Tardiff</b> Statistical Program Supervisor Bureau of Labor Standards
Bureau of Rehabilitation Services Intern	<b>Erika Chadbourne</b> Harmony, ME	<i>University of Southern Maine</i> Linguistics/Law	<b>Annette Stevens</b> Rehabilitation Consultant



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<b>Maine State Housing Authority</b>			
Marketing Assistant and Event Planner	<b>Donald Peterson</b> Auburn, ME	<i>George Washington University</i> International Affairs	<b>Amanda Ouellette</b> Webmaster
Communications, Planning and Development Research Assistant	<b>Tyler Waaler</b> Yarmouth, ME	<i>Wheaton College</i> Political Science; Economics	<b>Richard Taylor</b> Research and Communication Manager
<b>Maine State Library</b>			
Maine200 Outreach Assistant	<b>Iris Alexander</b> Augusta, ME	<i>St. Francis Xavier University</i> Leadership and Management	<b>Bradley Sawyer</b> Business Manager Maine Bicentennial Commission
<b>Maine Department of Professional and Financial Regulation</b>			
Actuarial Intern	<b>Julianne Andreades</b> South Portland, ME	<i>University of Maine at Farmington</i> Actuarial Science and Applied Mathematics	<b>Marti Hooper</b> Life & Health Actuary Bureau of Insurance
Assistant to the Principal Examiner	<b>Adam Poulin</b> Turner, ME	<i>Husson University</i> Business Administration	<b>David Leach</b> Principal Examiner Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection
Commissioner's Office Summer Intern	<b>Benjamin Chamberlain</b> Bath, ME	<i>University of Southern Maine</i> Criminology	<b>Anne Head</b> Commissioner Professional and Financial Regulation
<b>Maine Office of the Public Advocate</b>			
Legal Assistant	<b>Michael Flaherty</b> Portland, ME	<i>University of Maine School of Law</i>	<b>Liz Wyman</b> Senior Counsel for the Public Advocate
<b>Maine Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future</b>			
Research Assistant	<b>Dani Sweet</b> Augusta, ME	<i>Goucher College</i> International Relations	<b>Hannah Pingree</b> Director Office of Policy Innovation and the Future
<b>Maine Department of Transportation</b>			
Bridge Inspection Program Assistant	<b>Jason Barnes</b> Augusta, ME	<i>University of Maine</i> Civil Engineering	<b>Benjamin Foster</b> Assistant Bridge Maintenance Engineer Bridge Maintenance Division
Survey Field & Office Assistant	<b>William Furgeson</b> Topsham, ME	<i>University of Maine</i> Mechanical Engineering	<b>Peter Belanger</b> Chief Surveyor
Intelligent Transportation Systems Assistant	<b>Ryan Roy</b> Manchester, ME	<i>University of Maine</i> Mechanical Engineering	<b>Luke Lorrimer</b> CEII, Maintenance and Operations, Traffic

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<b>Maine Department of Transportation</b>			
Bureau of Planning Resource Analyst	<b>Karlie Brilliant</b> Topsham, ME	<i>University of Maine</i> Civil Engineering	<b>Patrick Adams</b> Active Transportation Planner
Audit Staff Assistant for Analytical Reviews and Documentation Retention	<b>Noah Colby-George</b> Yarmouth, ME	<i>University of Kansas</i> Economics	<b>Helen Eagen</b> Audit Manager Finance / Audit
Maintenance and Operations Field Assistant	<b>Lauren Grey</b> Cape Elizabeth, ME	<i>University of Maine</i> Ecology and Environmental Sciences	<b>Robert Moosmann</b> Statewide Vegetation Manager
Maintenance and Operations Field Assistant	<b>Devon Rappaport</b> Kensington, MD	<i>University of Maine</i> Environmental Science	
Plan Archive Assistant	<b>Thomas Watson</b> Presque Isle, ME	<i>University of Maine at Farmington</i> Secondary Education Social Studies	<b>Brent Bubar</b> Regional Engineer
<b>Maine Office of the State Treasurer</b>			
State Treasury Services Intern	<b>Jacob Nash</b> Fairfax, Virginia	<i>Colby College</i> Economics/Government	<b>Laura Hudson</b> Director of Internal Operations
<b>Maine Workers' Compensation Board</b>			
Advocate Division Legal Assistant	<b>Rose Miller</b> Westbrook, ME	<i>University of Maine School of Law</i>	<b>Beatrice Turner</b> Worker Advocate
<b>Municipal and County Interns</b>			
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<b>City of Bath</b>			
Office of Planning and Development Comprehensive Plan Assistant	<b>Noah Eckstein</b> Warren, Vermont	<i>Bowdoin College</i> Government and Legal Studies	<b>Marc Meyers</b> Assistant City Manager
<b>City of Biddeford</b>			
City Manager's Office Human Resources Office Intern	<b>Maxim Zakian</b> Biddeford, ME	<i>University of Maine</i> International Affairs	<b>James Bennett</b> City Manager
City Manager's Office/Human Resources Office Intern	<b>Isabelle Oechsle</b> Biddeford, ME	<i>University of Southern Maine</i> Political Science	
<b>Town of Bowdoinham</b>			
Town Manager's Office Intern	<b>Alison Hooper</b> Bowdoinham, ME	<i>University of Maine at Farmington</i> English and Pre-Law	<b>William Post</b> Town Manager

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### Town of Bridgton

Public Works Department  
GIS/ Roads Field Assistant

**Emily Duff**  
Gorham, ME

*Rockhurst University*  
Organismal Biology, English  
Literature

**James Kidder**  
Public Works Director

### Town of Brunswick

Town Manager's Office  
Intern

**Laurel Margerum**  
Brunswick, ME

*Middlebury College*  
Economics and Art History

**Ryan Leighton**  
Assistant Town Manager

### Town of Chelsea

Planning and Economic  
Development Assistant

**Taylor Houdlette**  
Dresden, ME

*University of Maine*  
English

**Scott Tilton**  
Town Manager

### Town of China

Town Administration and  
Planning Assistant

**Hannah Kutschinski**  
Damariscotta, ME

*University of Maine at  
Augusta*  
Public Administration

**Becky Hapgood**  
Town Clerk/Director of Human  
Resources

### Town of Fayette

Municipal Manager  
Assistant

**Emily Dionne**  
Sidney, ME

*Wheaton College*  
International Relations

**Mark Robinson**  
Town Manager

### City of Gardiner

GIS Intern

**Natalie Thomsen**  
Lisbon, ME

*University of Maine at  
Farmington*  
Business Economics

**Tony LaPlante**  
Director of Public Works

### Town of Gray

Municipal Multi-  
Departmental Internship

**Douglas Mayo**  
Bridgton, ME

*University of Maine*  
Mechanical Engineering

**Kathy Tombarelli**  
Town Planner

### City of Hallowell

City Archivist and Special  
Projects Coordinator

**Michaela Carney**  
Richmond, ME

*University of Maine at  
Farmington*  
History

**Nate Rudy**  
City Manager

### Town of Kennebunkport

Administrative Intern

**Sarah Merriam**  
Cape Elizabeth, ME

*Saint Michael's College*  
Environmental Studies and  
Sociology

**Laurie Smith**  
Town Manager

Assistant to City Clerk

**Yanina Nickless**  
Old Orchard Beach, ME

*University of Southern  
Maine*  
Political Science

### County of Lincoln

GIS Planning Intern

**Colleen Hendricks**  
Wiscasset, ME

*University of Maine at  
Machias*  
Environmental Studies

**Mary Ellen Barnes**  
Executive Director  
Lincoln County Government

### Town of Lincoln

Tourism Development  
Assistant

**Elizabeth Colannino**  
Old Town, ME

*Wesleyan University*  
Government/Environmental  
Studies

**Jay Hardy**  
Economic Development Director

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## City of Saco

Holistic Municipal Experience	<b>George Chaison-Lapine</b> Portland, ME	<i>Bates College</i> History	<b>Emily Roy</b> Marketing and Communications
Holistic Municipal Experience	<b>Allison Cannon</b> Saco, ME	<i>Stonehill College</i> Political Science/Economics	

## Town of Union

Manager Intern	<b>Patrick Groening</b> Belfast, ME	<i>University of Maine</i> International Affairs	<b>Jay Feyler</b> Town Manager
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### From Supervisors

*"We have been very pleased with our experience every year."*

*"This was a great match for us."*

*"This opportunity is a valuable tool to expose interns to careers in government."*

### From Interns

*"I gained great mentors that I can come to in the future for advice."*

*"This internship showed me that state and local government is extremely important, and is something that I would definitely be interested in doing in the future."*

*"I got to work on a lot of cool projects."*

## INTERNSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE

- Jessica Crosby, Director of Talent Management, Maine Bureau of Human Resources
- Jay Feyler, Town Manager and Public Information Officer, Town of Union
- David Leach, Principal Consumer Credit Examiner, Department of Professional & Financial Regulation
- Kate McClellan, Senior Legislative Aide and Policy Analyst, Office of the Speaker of the House
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- Nate Rudy, City Manager, City of Hallowell
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