

2021 Jeffrey L. Pressman Awards

The Department of Political Science announces the Summer 2021 Jeffrey L. Pressman Awards for research, travel or internship in US government, politics, law or education. All members of MIT undergraduate classes 2022, 2023, and 2024 are eligible to apply.

Several stipends (maximum \$6500 each) will be awarded to MIT undergraduates for use during the summer to undertake a special project or internship in US government, politics, or policy. The project should focus on some legal, political, institutional, or policy issue.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS is Friday March 5th, 2021

Submit your proposals to Scott Schnyer via email (sschnyer@mit.edu)

GUIDELINES FOR YOUR PROPOSAL (3-5 Pages)

1. Describe your project.

Why are you interested in this topic?

What is your background in this area?

How do you propose to complete the research or internship?

What will this project contribute to your education?

What will you contribute to the field by completing this research or internship?

2. Include a preliminary budget

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Include a letter of recommendation from 1 MIT faculty member (or UROP supervisor or senior administrator at MIT).

2. A current resume.

Recent Pressman Award winners

Summer 2019

Christian Cruz
Environmental Protection Agency

Nwanacho Nwana
MIT Washington DC Office

Ignacio Ortega
MIT Washington DC Office

Sarah Powazek
Mass Civil Liberties Union

Summer 2018

Theresa Machemer
American Society of Magazine Editors
with National Geographic in DC

Helena Ma
US Department of Health and Human
Services on the KidneyX Program

Kevin Downey
New York Office of the Securities and
Exchange Commission Quantitative
Analytics Unit

Summer 2017

Megan Schussman
Internship at the MIT Washington, DC
Office on Education issues

Rene Zhao
Internship at the US Department of
Health and Human Services on the Idea
Lab

Deepti Ajampore
Internship at the Aerospace Corporation
as a program and policy intern

Summer 2016

Anita Lui
Internship at Child Care Aware

Benjamin Chazen
Internship at the MIT Washington, DC
Office on Energy issues

Alex McCullumsmith
Internship at the US Department of the
Interior on Environmental issues