DCSA STUDENT EXPERIENCE (DSE)
Summer 2026

SUMMARY

The DCSA Student Experience (DSE) is a paid internship program designed to attract diverse and talented students. Students have an opportunity to gain marketable developmental experience in counterintelligence and insider threat, industrial security, personnel security, security training, and DCSA core mission and support areas.

HIGHLIGHTS

Students work for a required minimum of 10 weeks from June through August as full-time, temporary federal employees. Students that successfully complete the summer program may be eligible to continue the internship program during the semester and non-competitively return for the Summer 2027 Cohort. Students must provide proof of all eligibility items.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Enrolled full-time in an undergraduate or graduate degree program from an accredited college/university with the intention of remaining a full-time student through October of 2027. (Law Students may apply in any year during their JD program.)
- Maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0/4.0 GPA from the time of application, the semester prior to cohort participation, and throughout their employment with the program.
- Obtain and maintain a Secret or Top-Secret security clearance.
- Pass pre-employment and random drug testing.
- Reside in the local commuting area of the selected duty location during summer cohort.
- Meet other qualifications as stated in the announcement.

ALL Upcoming Student Trainee Positions Will Be Posted on USAJobs.gov
Opening 29 September

The DSE Summer '26 Cohort runs from June through August with start dates of 1 or 15 June. The end of cohort is officially 22 August. Students are required to complete a minimum of 10 weeks in the cohort.

MID-ATLANTIC REGION

VA - Alexandria, Arlington, Stafford, Quantico

- Administration & Office Support (Admin & Program Analysis)
- General Student Trainee (Industrial Security)
- Investigation Student Trainee (Investigator)
- Mathematics & Statistics Student Trainee (Computer Science)
- Mathematics & Statistics Student Trainee (Computer & Data Science)
- Student Trainee (Law)

MD - Fort Meade, Hanover, Linthicum

- Administration & Office Support (Admin & Program Analysis)
- Education Student Trainee (Training Specialist)
- General Student Trainee (Personnel Security)
- General Student Trainee (Security)

- Human Resources Management Student Trainee
- Mathematics & Statistics Student Trainee (Computer & Data Science)

EASTERN REGION

PA - Boyers & Slippery Rock
- General Student Trainee (Personnel Security-Investigations)
- Human Resources Management Student Trainee

MA – Norwood
- General Student Trainee (Industrial Security)

WESTERN REGION

CA - Long Beach, McClellan, Palmdale, San Diego
- General Student Trainee (Security)
- Investigation Student Trainee (Investigator)
- Social Science Student Trainee (Intelligence)

HI – Pearl Harbor
- General Student Trainee (Security)

CENTRAL REGION

TX – Farmers Branch & San Antonio
- General Student Trainee (Industrial Security)
- Social Science Student Trainee (Intelligence)

UPCOMING INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR THE DSE SUMMER '26 COHORT

The following dates and times (ET) are available, please select the date and complete the required registration. Sessions are conducted via Zoom.gov, you may use a phone, tablet, or computer to access.

Session	Student Spotlight; Department
3pm, Wed, 10 Sep	• *AI Analyst*, Chief Data & AI Office • *Admin & Analysis Student*, Office Communications & Congressional Affairs
12pm, Fri, 12 Sep	• *Education Student Trainee (Training Specialist)*, Human Capital Management Office • *Policy Analyst Intern*, Enterprise Policy
3pm, Tue, 16 Sep	• *AI Analyst*, Chief Data & AI Office • *Security Student Trainee*, Field Operations Central Region Background Investigations

Time	Positions
12pm, Thu, 18 Sep	• *AI Analyst*, Chief Data & AI Office • *Education Student Trainee (Training Specialist)*, Human Capital Management Office
6pm, Mon, 22 Sep	• *Human Resource Specialist*, Human Capital Management Office
12pm, Wed, 24 Sep	• *AI Analyst*, Chief Data & AI Office • *Admin & Analysis Student*, Office Communications & Congressional Affairs Enterprise • *Policy Analyst Intern*, Enterprise Policy
3pm, Fri, 26 Sep	• *AI Analyst*, Chief Data & AI Office • *Visual Information Specialist*, Human Capital Management Office
6pm, Tue, 30 Sep	• *Adjudicator*, Adjudications & Vetting Services • *Legal Student Intern*, Office of the General Counsel
3pm, Thu, 2 Oct	• *AI Analyst*, Chief Data & AI Office
12pm, Mon, 6 Oct	• *Human Resource Specialist*, Human Capital Management Office
3pm, Wed, 8 Oct	• *AI Analyst*, Chief Data & AI Office • *Education Student Trainee (Training Specialist)*, Human Capital Management Office
12pm, Tue, 14 Oct	• *AI Analyst*, Chief Data & AI Office • *Education Student Trainee (Training Specialist)*, Human Capital Management Office
6pm, Thu, 16 Oct	• *Legal Student Intern*, Office of the General Counsel • *Policy Analyst Intern*, Enterprise Policy
3pm, Mon, 20 Oct	• *AI Analyst*, Chief Data & AI Office
6pm, Wed, 22 Oct	• *Visual Information Specialist*, Human Capital Management Office • *Legal Student Intern*, Office of the General Counsel
12pm, Fri, 24 Oct	• *Education Student Trainee (Training Specialist)*, Human Capital Management Office • *Security Student Trainee*, Field Operations Mid-Atlantic Region Industrial Security
3pm, Tue, 28 Oct	• *AI Analyst*, Chief Data & AI Office
11am, Wed, 29 Oct	• *AI Analyst*, Chief Data & AI Office • *Policy Analyst Intern*, Enterprise Policy