Rice University’s Baker Institute for Public Policy is seeking applicants for the 17th cohort of the Jesse Jones Leadership Center Summer in D.C. Policy Research Internship Program. The program will provide stipends sufficient to support a select group of 10 Rice undergraduates conducting policymaking research at government agencies, private think tanks and nongovernmental organizations in Washington, D.C., in summer 2020. Those accepted must be currently enrolled as full-time undergraduates through fall 2020. Applicants from the natural sciences, engineering, architecture, humanities, music and social science disciplines are encouraged to apply, as each cohort comprises students with diverse academic backgrounds and policy interests, including foreign and domestic policy areas. Preference will be given to students with a demonstrable commitment to public service and policy analysis. Those selected will attend a seminar on public policy and global affairs coterminous with their internships in D.C., write a research report for publication and presentation before Rice faculty and researchers at the beginning of the fall 2020 semester, and also organize a public policy education activity for the academic year 2020–2021. Applicants are individually responsible for selecting and establishing internships and residency in D.C.

Interested students should send hard copies of the following materials by Jan. 31, 2020, to Dr. Steven Lewis, Washington Internship Committee, Baker Institute, MS–40 or hand–delivered to the receptionist at the Baker Institute on the first floor of Baker Hall, Suite 120:

1. A letter of application with your campus and home addresses, email address, cell phone number, and the name of your recommender;
2. A short essay of no more than 1,200 words describing your career goals, your interest and experience (if any) in public service, your internship plans for D.C. (including the organizations to which you have applied or intend to apply), and how these tie in with the mission and policy research programs of the Baker Institute;
3. A resume;
4. An official, sealed transcript; and
5. One letter of recommendation, preferably from a Rice faculty member or researcher who can discuss your analytical skills and your potential ability to conduct policy research.

Questions should be addressed to swlewis@rice.edu.
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Back row, from left: **Nitin Srinivasan** (2021), Health Policy Center, Urban Institute; **Hannah Kaplan** (2020), American Jewish Committee; **Molly Wancewicz** (2021), National Coordinating Committee on Multiemployer Plans; **Eric Shi** (2020), National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; **Blake Coleman** (2021), Office of Missile, Biological, and Chemical Weapons Nonproliferation, U.S. Department of State.