The goal of the Jesse Jones Leadership Center Summer in D.C. Policy Research Internship Program is to offer Rice University undergraduate students hands-on experience in the world of public policy research and analysis in our nation’s capital.

Initiated in 2004, the program provides summer stipends to students conducting policymaking research at government agencies, private think tanks and nongovernmental organizations in Washington, D.C. Students attend a seminar on public policy and global affairs coterminous with their internships in D.C., write a research report, give a presentation before Rice faculty and researchers, and organize a public education activity. Applicants, who are screened by a committee of Baker Institute and Rice faculty, are individually responsible for selecting and establishing internships and residency in D.C.

Since 2004, 151 students have worked at the State Department, the Council of Economic Advisers, the Middle East Institute, the Urban Institute, the National Science Foundation, the Center for American Progress, the American Enterprise Institute, the Inter-American Foundation, the Humane Society of the United States and the American Civil Liberties Union, among others. Many have used their research experiences to obtain prestigious scholarships, including Rhodes Scholarships, Marshall Scholarships, Truman Scholarships, Fulbright Scholarships, Udall Scholarships, Goldwater Scholarships, Pickering Scholarships, The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans, Thomas J. Watson Fellowships, Henry Luce Scholarships, JET Scholarships, and Rice University Wagoner Scholarships. As of summer 2019, 131 alumni of the program have also graduated from Rice, with 29 currently in graduate or professional school. Collectively, alumni have received 73 advanced degrees in law, medicine and other academic fields. Of the 102 alumni with full-time employment, more than half are working in the public sector, including serving as foreign service officers, Peace Corps Volunteers and teachers. Others have assumed distinguished state and federal legal positions, such as state solicitor general, assistant U.S. attorney, deputy public defender, Supreme Court clerk and Federal Circuit Court of Appeals clerk. In all, 39 of the 131 Rice alumni of the program have worked, or continue to work, in D.C. in the policy domain after graduation.

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2019 Cohort — Then and Now

Front row, from left:

Anthony D’Souza ’21
D.C. 2019: Environmental Law Institute; 2019: Junior in Environmental Science, Rice University, Houston

Carly Frieders ’20
D.C. 2019: Migration Policy Institute; 2019: Senior in Philosophy and Spanish and Portuguese, Rice University, Houston

Tessa Schreiber ’21

Gillian Culkin ’20
D.C. 2019: Diplomacy Center, U.S. Department of State; 2019: Senior in Spanish and Portuguese, Rice University, Houston

Sree Yeluri ’21
D.C. 2019: Energy Bureau, U.S. Department of State; 2019: Junior in Mathematical Economic Analysis, Rice University, Houston

Back row, from left:

Nitin Srinivasan ’21
D.C. 2019: Health Policy Center, Urban Institute; 2019: Junior in Psychology, Rice University, Houston

Hannah Kaplan ’20
D.C. 2019: American Jewish Committee; 2019: Senior in Social Policy Analysis, Rice University, Houston

Molly Wancewicz ’21
D.C. 2019: National Coordinating Committee on Multiemployer Plans; 2019: Junior in History and Political Science, Rice University, Houston

Eric Shi ’20

Blake Coleman ’21
2018 Cohort — Then and Now

Front row, from left:

Mikayla Knutson ’21
D.C. 2018: Character Assassination and Reputation Research Project, George Mason University; 2019: Junior in History and Political Science, Rice University, and Abraham-Broad Exchange Scholar, Trinity College, Cambridge University, Cambridge

Su Chen Teh ’20
D.C. 2018: American Council on Renewable Energy; 2019: Senior in Civil and Environmental Engineering and Economics, Rice University, Houston

Anu Dwarumpudi ’19
D.C. 2018: Office on Trafficking in Persons, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; 2019: Wagoner Scholar, Visiting Researcher, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London

Navya Kumar ’19
D.C. 2018: Bureau of Global Health, US AID; 2019: Medical Student, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston

Madison Grimes ’20
D.C. 2018: Community Asset Mobilization Team, Inter-American Foundation; 2019: Senior in Latin American Studies, Rice University, Houston

Sonia Torres ’19
D.C. 2018: Migration, Remittances and Development Program, Inter-American Dialogue; 2019: Research Fellow, Stanford Center for Poverty and Inequality, Stanford University, Palo Alto

Back row, from left:

Coleman Lambo ’21
D.C. 2018: National Defense University and University of Maryland; 2019: Junior in Asian Studies, Mathematical Economics, and Political Science, Rice University, Houston

Siddarth Gorantla ’20
D.C. 2018: Milken Institute School of Public Health, George Washington University; 2019: Senior in Biological Sciences, Rice University, Houston

Kristoffer Westgaard ’20
D.C. 2018: Energy and National Security Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies; 2019: Senior in Political Science, Rice University, Houston

Maurice Frediere ’19
D.C. 2018: Hudson Institute and Georgetown University; 2019: Corps Member, Teach for America, Fresno

Eli Mensing ’20

Matthew Nobles ’19
D.C. 2018: Bureau of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of State; 2019: Corps Member, Teach for America, Louisville
2017 Cohort — Then and Now

Front row, from left:

Mandy Quan ’20
D.C. 2017: Milken Institute School of Public Health, George Washington University; 2019: Senior in Anthropology, Rice University, Houston

Manlin Yao ’18

Caroline Lee ’19

David Cirillo ’18

Back row, from left:

Colton Cox ’18
D.C. 2017: Middle East Journal, Middle East Institute; 2019: Assistant to the Director, Baker Institute for Public Policy

Nicky Joseph ’18

Kevin Jiang ’18
D.C. 2017: Health Policy Center, Urban Institute; 2019: Medical Student, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston

Tomas Arango ’20

Hannah Todd ’18
D.C. 2017: Health Policy Center, Urban Institute; 2019: Master of Public Health Student, The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston

Elizabeth Stone ’18
2016 Cohort — Then and Now

Front row, from left:

Tay Jacobe ’18

Aaron Huang ’18

Anjali Bhatla ’17
D.C. 2016: Global Health Policy Center, Center for Strategic and International Studies; 2016: Truman Scholar; 2018: Medical Student, University of Pennsylvania Medical School, Philadelphia

Yasna Haghdoost ’17
D.C. 2016: Middle East Institute; 2019: Wagoner Scholarship, Visiting Researcher, Beirut

Griffin Thomas ’17
D.C. 2016: U.S. Department of Education; 2019: Geography Teacher, YES Prep Public Schools, Houston

Back row, from left:

Evan Flack ’18

Jackson Neagli ’18

David Ratnoff ’18
D.C. 2016: American Civil Liberties Union; 2019: Legal Researcher, Simon Law Firm, Houston

Albert Nabiullin ’18
D.C. 2016: Center for Science, Technology and Security Policy, American Association for the Advancement of Science; 2019: Business Analyst, Capitol One, Dallas

Alex Morton ’18
2015 Cohort — Then and Now

Front row, from left:

Melanie Zook '16
D.C. 2015: U.S. Department of Education; 2019: English Teacher, BigByte Education, Taipei, Taiwan

Kimberly Rightor '16

Meredith Bouchein '17
D.C. 2015: Maryland Equity Project; 2019: Teacher, YES Prep Public Schools, Houston

Danya Kachkou '17
D.C. 2015: Embassy of Mexico; 2019: Teacher, YES Prep Public Schools, Houston

Jackie Olive '17
D.C. 2015: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; 2019: Medical Student, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston

Mary Charlotte Yust Carroll '16

Back row, from left:

Aakash Shah '17
D.C. 2015: Environmental Protection Agency; 2019: Software Engineer, Veeva Systems, San Francisco

Gavin Cross '16
D.C. 2015: Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University; 2019: Publications Manager, China Policy, Beijing

Maithili Bagaria '16
D.C. 2015: Middle East Institute; 2019: Law Student, The University of Texas School of Law, Austin

Eileen Huang '17

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2014 Cohort — Then and Now

Front row, from left:
- **Jonathan Berg '15**
  - **D.C. 2014:** National Science Foundation; **2019:** Biomedical Engineer, London
- **Rebecca Satterfield '15**
  - **D.C. 2014:** Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training, U.S. Department of State; **2019:** Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State, Riga, Latvia
- **Nicola Park '15**
  - **D.C. 2014:** Health Policy Center, Urban Institute; **2019:** Medical Student, The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston
- **Sophia Sciabica '16**
  - **D.C. 2014:** Council of the Americas; **2019:** Associate, Cohen & Steers, New York
- **Vicky Comesanas '16**
  - **D.C. 2014:** Congressional Research Service; **2019:** Law Student, Stanford Law School, Palo Alto
- **Sean Leong '16**
  - **D.C. 2014:** Health Policy Center, Urban Institute; **2019:** M.Sc., Political Science, Columbia University, and Sojourner, New York City
- **Nick Fleder '17**
  - **D.C. 2014:** Cook Political Report; **2018:** M.Sc. Business Analytics, McCombs School of Business, The University of Texas at Austin; **2019:** Basketball Data Analyst, Pacers Sports Entertainment, Indianapolis

Back row, from left:
- **Baek Ho Jang '16**
  - **D.C. 2014:** National Science Foundation; **2019:** Product Manager, Arterys, San Francisco
- **Kaylee Yocum '15**
  - **D.C. 2014:** Bureau of Energy, U.S. Department of State; **2019:** Law Student, University of Chicago School of Law, Chicago
- **Nicolas Thorpe '15**
  - **D.C. 2014:** U.S. Trade Representative Office; **2015:** Luce Scholar, Hanoi; **2019:** Litigation Assistant, Clean Energy Program, Earthjustice, Washington, D.C.
- **Zachary Watterson '15**
  - **D.C. 2014:** Center for Science, Technology and Security, American Association for the Advancement of Science; **2019:** Law Student, Stanford University Law School, Palo Alto
- **James Dargan '15**
  - **D.C. 2014:** Office of Rep. Kevin Brady, U.S. House of Representatives; **2018:** Sojourner, North Richland Hills, Texas

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2013 Cohort — Then and Now

Front row, from left:

Rohini Sigireddi '14
D.C. 2013: National Science Foundation; 2019: M.D., and Resident, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston

Hira Baig '14

Landy Mao '14

Lilly Yu '14
D.C. 2013: Justice Policy Center, Urban Institute; 2019: Doctoral Student, Sociology, Harvard University, Cambridge

Tianyi Hua '14
D.C. 2013: Health Policy Center, Urban Institute; 2019: Doctoral Student, College of Pharmacy, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Katherine Y. Cai '15
D.C. 2013: American Civil Liberties Union; 2019: Strategy and Operations Consultant, Deloitte, Houston

Back row, from left:

Blake Delaplane '14
D.C. 2013: American Religious Freedom Program, Ethics and Public Policy Center; 2019: Law Student, University of Virginia Law School, Richmond

Evan Austin '14
D.C. 2013: Department of Government, George Washington University; 2019: J.D., University of Chicago School of Law, Chicago

Peter Abraham '14
D.C. 2013: Health Policy Center, Urban Institute; 2018: MD, Johns Hopkins Medical School; 2019: Surgery Resident, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Nathan Joo '15

Matthew Stampfl '15
D.C. 2013: Health Policy Center, Urban Institute; 2019: Medical Student, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston

Esteban Pimentel '15
D.C. 2013: Remittances and Development Program, Inter-American Dialogue; 2019: Senior Business Analyst, Capital One, Dallas
2012 Cohort — Then and Now

Front row, from left:

Andrew Amis ’14
D.C. 2012: Center for Science Diplomacy, American Association for the Advancement of Science; 2013: Truman Scholar; 2019: Senior Associate Consultant, Mars & Co., New York City

Lauren A. Theis ’13

Ran Chen ’13

Diane Ramirez ’13
D.C. 2012: Center for American Progress; 2017: J.D., Harvard Law School, Cambridge; 2019: Associate, Covington and Burling LLP, San Francisco

Angela Guo ’14

Devon Rule ’14
D.C. 2012: National Science Foundation; 2019: Chief of Staff, Cuyana, San Francisco

Back row, from left:

Teddy Grodek ’13

Navtej S. Dhaliwal ’13

Daniel S. Cohen ’14

Ben Seidensticker ’13

Julian Yao ’13
D.C. 2012: Center for American Progress; 2019: Senior Director of Strategic Initiatives, Covera Health, New York City

Chris Keller ’13
2012 “Legal Eagles”

Law school-bound alumni of the Summer in D.C. Internship Program meet in April 2012 with former D.C. intern Mithun Mansinghani, then a recent graduate of Harvard Law School.

Front row, from left:
- Chajin Wu ’13
  - 2016: J.D., Stanford Law School, Palo Alto; 2019: Associate, Sidley Austin LLP, San Francisco
- Diane Ramirez ’13
- Mithun Mansinghani ’08
- Angela Guo ’14
- Benjamin Chou ’13
  - 2011: Udall Fellow; 2012: Truman Scholar; 2019: J.D./MBA Student, Northwestern University School of Law and Kellogg School of Management, Chicago

Back row, from left:
- Joe Pullano ’12
  - 2016: J.D., Stanford Law School, Palo Alto; 2019: Corporate Counsel, Cohesity, San Francisco
- Neeraj Salhotra ’13
  - 2018: J.D., Harvard Law School, Cambridge; 2019: Sojourner and City Council Candidate, Houston
- Julian Yao ’13
  - 2019: Senior Director of Strategic Initiatives, Covera Health, New York City
- Teddy Grodek ’13
- Navtej Dhaliwal ’13
  - 2015: M.Sc., Barcelona Graduate School of Economics; 2019: Sojourner, Dallas
- Andy Wang ’12
2011 Cohort — Then and Now

Front row, from left:

Benjamin Chou ’13

Rebecca Jaffe ’12

Ellory Matzner Monks ’12

Matthew Carey ’12
D.C. 2011: Health Policy Center, Urban Institute; 2016: MBA, Jones School of Management, Rice University; 2019: Medical Student, University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor

Middle row, from left:

Joe Pullano ’12

Benjamin Brookstone ‘12
D.C. 2011: Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communication, National Institutes of Health; 2015: J.D., Georgetown University Law Center; 2019: Tax Associate, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, New York City

Mark Seraydarian ’12
D.C. 2011: American Enterprise Institute; 2019: MBA Student, Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth University, Hanover

Chajin Wu ’13
D.C. 2011: American Civil Liberties Union; 2016: J.D., Stanford University Law School, Palo Alto; 2019: Associate, Sidley Austin LLP, San Francisco

Back row, from left:

Sailesh Prabhu ’12
D.C. 2011: National Aeronautics Space Administration; 2015: M.Sc. in Computer Science, Rice University; 2019: Software Engineer, YouTube, Bruno, California

Rahul Rekhi ’13

Neeraj Salhotra ’13
D.C. 2011: Center for American Progress; 2018: J.D., Harvard Law School, Cambridge; 2019: Sojourner and City Council Candidate, Houston

Tawfik Jarjour ’12
D.C. 2011: Christian Connections for International Health and Habitat for Humanity International; 2019: Strategy Manager, Accenture, Houston
2010 Cohort — Then and Now

From left:

Tara Lyn Slough ’12

D.C. 2010: Global Initiative for Cultural Diplomacy; 2012: Wagoner Scholar, Venezuela; 2018: Ph.D. in Political Science, Columbia University, NYC; 2019: Pre-Doctoral Fellow, University of California Berkeley, San Francisco; Assistant Professor, Political Science, New York University, New York City

Martha (Janey) Myers ’12


Molly Goldstein ’11

D.C. 2010: America’s Promise Alliance; 2019: MBA, Olin School of Business, Washington University in St. Louis; Management Consultant, Accenture, St. Louis

Diana Cahill ’11


David Liou ’12

D.C. 2010: Board on Global Health, Institute of Medicine, American Association for the Advancement of Science; 2019: Law Student, Stanford Law School, Palo Alto

Rachael Petersen ’12


Daniel Lasalle ’11


Kelly O’Connor ’11


Andy Wang ’12


Arthi Satyanarayan ’11

D.C. 2010: Planned Parenthood Federation of America; 2015: M.D., University of Arizona School of Medicine, Tuscon 2019: Urology Resident, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas

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2009 Cohort — Then and Now

From left:

Jingyuan Luo ’10

Rachel Solnick ’10
D.C. 2009: Urban Institute Health Policy Center; 2011: Wagoner Scholar; M.Sc. in Social Epidemiology, University College London; American Medical Association Women’s Physician Governing Council; 2015: M.D., Baylor College of Medicine; 2019: Emergency Medicine Resident, Yale School of Medicine, New Haven

Fiona Adams ’10
D.C. 2009: Urban Institute Health Policy Center; 2019: MBA/MPH Student, Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley

Cort Malmberg ’10

Kara Calhoun ’11
D.C. 2009: National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems; 2016: M.D./MPH, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston; 2019: Internal Medicine Resident Physician, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston;

Sean Graham ’10
D.C. 2009: GlobalSecurity.org; 2019: Managing Director, CreatorUp!, United Arab Emirates

Devin Glick ’12
2008 Cohort — Then and Now

From left:

Michael Feldman ’10


Shireen Nasir ’09

D.C. 2008: America’s Promise Alliance; 2009: Wagoner Scholar, Turkey; 2014: J.D., University of Pennsylvania Law School; 2019: Associate, Fox Rothschild LLP, New York City

Ariela Schachter ’09

D.C. 2008: Urban Institute; 2019: Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Washington University in St. Louis

Patrick McAnaney ’10


Dale Swartz ’09

2007 Cohort — Then and Now

From left:

**Mithun Mansinghani ’08**


**Bhavika Kaul ’09**

D.C. 2007: American Medical Student Association; 2009: Schweizer Foundation Fellow; 2011: AMA Foundation Leadership Award; 2012: M.D., Baylor College of Medicine; 2019: Internist, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston

**Sanna Ronkainen ’08**

D.C. 2007: American Diabetes Association; 2008: Watson Fellow; 2013: M.D., Georgetown University Medical School; 2019: Dermatologist, MedStar Washington and Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, D.C.

**Payton Odom ’09**

D.C. 2007: Inter-American Foundation; 2009: Fellow, Trinity Forum Academy; 2012: Fulbright Scholar, Mexico; 2019: Portfolio Manager, Madison International Realty, New York City

**Apoorva Shah ’08**


**Ashley Allen Carr ’08**


**John Kehoe ’08**


**Casey Langwith ’09**

**2006 Cohort — Then and Now**

*Front row, from left:*

**Kirti Datla '08**
*D.C. 2006:* Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, U.S. Department of State; *2012:* J.D., New York University School of Law; *2017:* Clerk, Justice Sonia Sotomayor, U.S. Supreme Court; *2019:* Senior Associate, Hogan Lovells, Washington, D.C.

**Chris Aresu '08**
*D.C. 2006:* Coalition for American Leadership Abroad; *2019:* Senior Consultant, Deloitte, Washington, D.C.

**Laura Szarmach '08**

**Sarah Perelstein '07**
*D.C. 2006:* The Humane Society; *2013:* J.D., Lewis and Clark University Law School, Portland; *2019:* Student, School of Forest Medicine, Portland

*Back row: Staff*

**Saira Karim Najam '07**
*D.C. 2006:* Middle East Institute; *2010:* J.D., University of Virginia School of Law; *2019:* Director, Head of Global Employment Law and Compliance, Medallia, Palo Alto

**Christina Lagos Triantaphyllis '08**
*D.C. 2006:* Debt, AIDS, Trade Africa; *2010:* M.Sc., School of Public Health, Harvard University, Cambridge; *2019:* Director of Government Partnerships, Texas Policy Lab, Rice University, Houston

**Kathryn Wheat Putnam '07**
*D.C. 2006:* Office of the Science and Technology Policy Adviser, U.S. Department of State; *2011:* M.D., The University of Texas Medical Branch School of Medicine; *2019:* Anesthesiologist, University Health System, San Antonio

**Vivek Gopalan '07**
*D.C. 2006:* Center for American Progress; *2013:* J.D., University of California, Berkeley, School of Law; *2019:* Associate, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, San Francisco

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2005 Cohort — Then and Now

Front row, from left:

James Prohaska '06
D.C. 2005: Center for Eurasian, Russian and Eastern European Studies, Georgetown University; 2017: CFO, Enfold Systems, Houston

Hrishikesh Hari ’08

Jason Lee ’06

Jordana (Mosten) Siracusa ’06

David Brown ’07

Joseph S. Vavra ’06
D.C. 2005: Council of Economic Advisers, White House; 2012: Ph.D., Economics, Yale University, New Haven; 2019: Associate Professor of Economics, Booth School of Business, University of Chicago; and Faculty Research Fellow, The National Bureau of Economic Research, Chicago

Back row: Staff
2004 Cohort — Then and Now

From left:

Christina Tran ’04

D.C. 2004: National Alliance of Vietnamese American Service Agencies; 2008: M.D., The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas; 2019: Emergency Physician, Northside Hospital, Atlanta

Keith Henneke ’04


Navin Vij ’05


Victoria Zyp ’05


Noorain Khan ’06

D.C. 2004: Middle East Institute; 2006: Rhodes Scholar; 2008: Soros Fellow; M.Phil. in Migration Studies, University of Oxford; 2011: J.D., Yale Law School, New Haven; 2019: Director, Office of the President, Ford Foundation, New York City

Evan Colton ’06


Steven W. Lewis, Program Faculty Coordinator