The Meyers Report

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The Meyers Report
Developing the Next Generation of Thought Leaders

Since 1982 The Meyers Report has operated a civil discussion forum and shared knowledge from subject matter expert contributors who have first-hand knowledge in their specialties. Today these experts contribute from about 40 countries. For the past three years, we have engaged in an ongoing discussion forum with students aged 18–24 years in multiple U.S. states and countries. The students interact with mentors and each other, and share opinions and experiences with expert participants who are three to four times their age. The internship program was developed as an outgrowth of these discussions at the request of a couple of the progeny.

The Meyers Report Economics, Finance & Comparative Government Internship Program
is for highly motivated students who seek more than academic achievement. Its mission is to develop critical thinkers, disciplined researchers, and intellectually independent professionals who can analyze complex issues in an interconnected world. Interns experience a rigorous environment built on evidence-based reasoning, analytical writing, data interpretation, and the disciplined evaluation of competing viewpoints. They are challenged to question conventional assumptions and unsupported conclusions.

Overview
A rigorous, credit-eligible internship for undergraduate and graduate students in applied economics, financial analysis, journalism, science, and comparative government. Participants gain hands-on experience turning academic theory into real-world policy insight.

Program Leadership

- Economists (macroeconomics, fiscal policy, quantitative analysis)
- Former U.S. State Department Fiscal Policy Diplomat (international public finance & comparative systems)
- International executive certified in best practices and enterprise governance

Program Details

- Duration: 10–14 weeks (semester or summer)
- Commitment: 10–20 hours/week
- Format: 100% remote with all contact by video conference
- Academic Credit: Structured to meet university requirements

Focus Areas

- Macroeconomic policy and fiscal strategy
- Public finance and taxation

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- Comparative government systems
- Regulatory and institutional analysis
- Data analysis and economic modeling

Expected Results

- Professional writing skills
- Real-world policy experience
- Preparation for careers in government, finance, or graduate study

Mentorship, Training, and Supervision

- Weekly expert-led seminars in practice areas
- One-on-one mentorship in critical thinking
- Workshops in policy writing and data analysis
- Contact with mentors at least once a week, and more likely two to three times

Assignments

- Conduct economic and policy research
- Analyze fiscal and financial systems (U.S. and international)
- Produce policy memos, reports, and presentations
- Contribute to comparative government studies

Finals

- Weekly progress updates
- Final research paper or policy memo
- Final presentation

Who Should Apply

Students in economics, finance, political science, technology, journalism, or related fields who have strong analytical and writing skills and an interest in public policy.

Selection and Terms

The program is limited to 10 interns, nationally and internationally. Students interested in this internship must submit a written proposal stating why they should be considered. Selected candidates will be interviewed to determine acceptance. There is no financial compensation, and, just as in the real world, interns can be terminated from the program for poor performance.

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Additional Program Information

Learning Through Real-World Experience

Unlike a traditional classroom, interns work on real-world questions and emerging issues. The interns learn to gather evidence, weigh competing interpretations, identify underlying assumptions, and communicate findings clearly and persuasively. Mentored by experienced researchers and professionals, they contribute to projects on current events, economic developments, public policy debates, scientific research, and global trends.

Preparing for Leadership

The skills developed in this internship are valuable in virtually every profession. Whether students go into business, government, law, medicine, journalism, research, technology, or public service, they are better prepared to analyze complex problems, make sound judgments, contribute meaningfully to society, and meet the challenges of the future with clarity, integrity, and confidence.

Development Goals

The internship program aims to build an international network of young scholars from different academic, geographic, and cultural backgrounds who collaborate, do comparative research, and exchange ideas, which broadens their perspectives and prepares them to lead in a global society.

Program Objectives

The program helps students:

- Strengthen research and analytical skills,
- Evaluate the reliability and quality of information sources,
- Understand how data and trends inform decisions,
- Improve written and verbal communication,
- Gain experience in forecasting, scenario analysis, and strategic thinking,
- Build intellectual discipline and professional work habits.

Benefits to Students

- Gain critical thinking ability
- Practice interacting with experienced, accomplished professionals
- Experience discipline and produce or fail in the real world of business and the professions
- Work with peers from around the world and network for their future
- Engage with accomplished mentors nationally and internationally
- Letters of recommendation and job referrals may result based on accomplishing the above five statements
- Public credit for their contributions to The Meyers Report research studies

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Annual Studies

The interns work draw on geopolitics and international affairs, historical analysis and forecasting, political science and public policy, statistical research and data analysis, and technology and innovation.

The studies will compare results by country, continent, region, and type of government and, wherever practical, by U.S. state. Wherever possible, information will be sourced by The Meyers Report representatives in those locations as well as from digital sources. The sampling will include all 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and a minimum of 51 other countries, sampling 75% or more of the world's population and 85% or more of the world's GDP.

Interns research and analyze a broad range of disciplines through The Meyers Report's annual studies:

- Election Rules Survey
- Compliance with Election Rules
- Freedom by Country
- Comparative Governments and Economic Systems
- Comparative Quality of Life, Food Options, Medical, Other Goods and Services
- Comparative Tax Systems
- Violent Crime Statistics (Gun and Other)
- Comparative Economies and Financial Markets
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Medical and Public Health Research
- Demographics and Social Trends
- Meteorology and Climate
- Comparative Freedom of Speech and Other Civil Rights
- Comparative Transportation and Logistics, Capacities and Costs
- Analysis of Efficacy of Power Grids and Public Access and Cost

Benefits to the Participating University(ies)

- A structured, credit-eligible internship that meets university requirements, with weekly supervision, a final paper, and a final presentation
- Applied research experience that complements classroom instruction
- Student access to nationally and internationally accomplished mentors, including economists, a former U.S. State Department diplomat, scientists, and business executives
- A place in the program's planned international network
- Stronger career outcomes through letters of recommendation and job referrals

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- Visibility when its students are publicly credited in The Meyers Report research studies
- A fully remote format that needs no campus space, travel, or housing and fits around course schedules
- A selective program that attracts and rewards the university's most motivated students

Supervising Program Mentors and Advisors (Partial list)

Gary Meyers—Coordinator
Gary has more than 40 years' experience in real estate and economic forecasting. His real estate research reports and economic forecasting reports were used by major financial institutions throughout the Chicago metro area and the US, along with agencies of the federal government and three presidential administrations.

For more than 20 years Gary had a national newspaper column, syndicated by United Features Syndicate (a division of Scripps-Howard), with a circulation of over 30 million in more than 250 newspapers in the US and included virtually every major metropolitan newspaper in the country.

Paul McGonagle—Banking, International Trade and International Relations
McGonagle is an expert on international risk management, stemming from his career as an international banker and diplomat. He was Head of International Credit at First National Bank of Chicago/Bank One/Chase.
Paul served in the U.S. State Department as a diplomat in the Nixon, Ford, Carter, and Reagan administrations. During President Reagan's administration, Paul was Director of Monetary Affairs for the Department of State. He was the US government representative to the Paris Club, the forum in which foreign country debt to the US and other governments are restructured.

During his banking tenure, he was on site for the economic rise of the South Korea and the Southeast Asian Tigers, the economic melt-down of South America, the fall of the Soviet Union, and building economic systems of the Eastern European Bloc nations.

Barry Chapman, CGEIT, PMP, ITIL, SAFe4—Solutions Architect
Barry served both in the Department of Defense and supporting many US Government agencies to develop technical, management, and governance solutions. He is experienced in quality management program auditing, technology solutions in sonar/computers/cybersecurity, project/program/portfolio management, and governance transformation. He assists national organizations in the public and private sectors with business transformation and incorporation of best practices into their processes. He trains executives and managers in critical thinking, structured analytic techniques, causal analysis, threat management, and the use of tailored controls to mitigate threats.

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Don Day—Meteorologist

For more than 30 years, Don and DayWeather has provided customized weather services broadcast to over 70 radio stations across Wyoming, Colorado, and Nebraska, emphasizing the rural agriculture listener. Day does corporate and media weather forecasting (short- and long-range) and analysis for stratospheric aviation, particularly for lighter than air vehicles (stratospheric balloons, airships, and very high-altitude experiments). Currently Day is doing research projects involving the lithosphere, and weather conditions in the deepest reaches of the ocean.

Don was ground control for the hydrogen gas balloon "Atlantic Explorer" that took three people from Maine to Luxemburg at altitudes of 26,000 to 28,000 feet on an open wicker basket landing safely on June 7, 2026.

Jeremy Perlow—Commodities Trader, Food Supply, Technology.

As an investor and trader, Perlow has more than 35 years' experience in livestock (hogs, beef, and chickens) and grain monitoring and investing. He is very aware of supplies, disease and weather conditions impacting world food supplies and the impacts of supply chains on production, sales, and end-product distribution. Jeremy has been elected to run for the Board of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Perlow is registered with the CFTC and the NFA; he holds a Series 3, 30 and CPO registration. He also has expertise in developing automation and matrix computer systems dealing with big data.

Hal Daub –Social Security, Budgeting and Congress.

Mr. Daub, an attorney, served two-terms as mayor of Omaha (1995 – 2001) and four-terms as U.S. congressman (1981 – 1989) representing Nebraska. Hal knows firsthand the inner workings of government on the city, county, state, and federal levels. He served five years as Chairman of the Social Security Advisory Board, overseeing that agency. His expertise includes healthcare, nursing homes, and physicians trade associations.

Carlos Legaspy—Broker-Dealer, Stock trader.

Carlos Legaspy was born in Texas and grew up in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico. He earned his degree at the Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education (ITESM) before embarking on a career on Wall Street. He is presently the owner and CEO of Insight Securities. Carlos has developed a strong client and service network in the United States and South America. He understands the geo-economics and politics in the US and the rest of the Western Hemisphere.

Carlos authored the book "Going For Broke: How One of Latin America's Largest Financial Frauds Became A Blessing In Disguise." In it he recounts his fight against large-scale financial corruption when he uncovered the inner workings of a nine-figure Ponzi scheme and thought he was doing the right thing by sounding the alarm. Instead, the fraud's perpetrators shifted blame onto him, touching of a two-year saga of betrayal, fraud, and high-stakes financial drama that would extend over international borders and impact some of Wall Street's biggest

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players—and bring Legaspy's own business and reputation to the brink of destruction. Although he won, Legaspy's experience reminds us that, even in a cutthroat industry where "guilty until proven innocent" takes the place of due process and allies are few and far between, you're not down for the count as long as you can get back up and throw one more punch.

David Ulrich—Medical Technology and Quality Control.
Armed with degrees in Biology, Medical Technology, Environmental Engineering, and Quality Engineering and Regulatory Affairs Science, Dave is a Quality and Compliance Subject Matter Expert (SME) with more than 40 years of experience. He specializes in standardizing and optimizing supply chain quality systems, particularly Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs), Good Distribution Practices (GDPs), supply chain temperature management, e-pedigree/track and trace, serialization, and import-export compliance activities. For 34 years, Ulrich worked at Abbott/AbbVie in North Chicago in quality control and AbbVie's supply chain compliance. He was attached to the WHO for five years.

He has direct experience collaborating with the FDA on numerous projects, including responding to FDA Form 483 Inspectional Observations, addressing Warning Letters, Consent Decrees, and other regulatory matters. Currently Dave assists small companies with optimizing their manufacturing process and addressing FDA regulatory observations and requirements.

James Womack, LTC. (US Army Ret.)
A West Point graduate, he holds B.S. in Engineering, an M.S. from American Technological University and a Master of Military Arts & Science from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He is a 20-year military veteran who served as a Cavalry Officer and combat leader in Operation Desert Storm.

Jim served as a Lee County Commissioner and was appointed by Senator Berger to represent county officials on North Carolina's Mining & Energy Commission. He led that regulatory body through July 2014 as the Chairman, developing all the rules needed for a modern regulatory program for oil and gas development in the state. During the same period Jim also served as a state representative for and Vice Chairman of the Environment and Energy Committee of the National Association of County Commissioners. Jim also served as Director for North Carolina's Public Health Information Systems. He serves on the North Carolina Oil and Gas Commission and is heavily involved in clean elections.

Robert Genetski, Ph.D. Economics, Emeritus
Formerly the Chief Economist for Harris Bank and several other financial institutions. Bob is one of the most popular economist speakers in the country. He has headed asset management and investment research departments, and taught economics at NYU and The University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business. Robert Genetski is also the author of numerous books and articles on classical economics and monetary policy.In early

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1980s, six months before the financial collapse, he joined President Reagan's chief economic advisor in warning it was too late to avoid a recession since "The Fed has inadvertently adopted an overly restrictive policy that has hastened the spread of bankruptcies and financial failure."

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