



Position Title: Information Technology Specialist [Internship](#)

Institution: Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

What is the Bureau of Labor Statistics?

[Within the Department of Labor](#), the BLS is the Nation's lead agency in the broad field of labor economics and statistics. As such, we rely heavily on computer systems, networks, and servers to process, review, and publish huge amounts of data quickly and accurately. The BLS employs over 325 IT specialists. The President, Congress, Federal policy makers, public institutions, and private citizens use our products. Every month, quarter, or year, we provide key figures on the unemployment rate; the Consumer Price Index (CPI); earnings levels; projections of occupational and industry growth; productivity trends; job injuries and illnesses; consumer household expenditures; and much more. We receive an average of more than 50,000 web site visits and 3,000 e-mail inquiries per day. In brief, this is a great place to gain valuable IT work experience, with the possibility of a permanent job upon graduation.

What is the Student Career Experience Program?

The Student Career Experience Program (SCEP) provides a developmental experience [through an internship that is](#) directly related to the student's academic program and career goals at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Full-time employment will be available during the summer months of June through August 2006, and can continue during the school years based on arrangements between the supervisor and student. Upon graduation and completion of 640 work hours with BLS, you can be hired directly and are exempt from the more complex Federal hiring procedures. This is a major advantage to this program.

What are the tasks of an Information Technology Specialist?

IT Specialists analyze, design, implement, and maintain computer systems to support the Bureau's many statistical surveys. In all stages of planning, design, and implementation, IT Specialists work closely with economists and statisticians. BLS uses state-of-the-art hardware and software computing and communications technologies to collect, process, and distribute data. Typical duties may include:

- ✚ [Designing, developing, and maintaining](#) software applications using [Java](#);
- ✚ [Designing, maintaining, and accessing](#) Oracle [databases](#);
- ✚ Developing web pages and web-based applications for use [on](#) the Internet and Intranet.

What are the qualifications?

Applicants must be U.S. citizens. We are looking for undergraduate students who will successfully complete CMSC 132 Object-Oriented Programming II, who meet the following academic requirements:

Undergraduate Students: Pursuit of a Bachelor's degree in computer science, information systems management, or related fields.

Graduate Students: Pursuit of a Master's degree or Ph.D. in computer science, information systems, or related fields.

How do I apply?

Applicants must submit the following application materials:

- ✚ Completed résumé
- ✚ College transcripts (unofficial transcripts are accepted)

Please e-mail the materials to careers@bls.gov.

Is this a paid internship?

Yes! Undergraduate students earn \$12.65 per hour and graduate students earn \$17.00 per hour. Interns will also be eligible for annual leave (vacation time), sick leave, and credit time (which allows for flexible schedules).

Where are we located?

BLS is conveniently located at 2 Massachusetts Ave, NE, Washington, D.C. across the street from Union Station (easy access to the Red line on the Metro, Marc Train, and VRE). We provide numerous amenities including a fitness center, cafeteria, health center, and transportation subsidies (\$100 per month if you ride METRO to BLS). BLS is excited about the numerous internship opportunities that it has to offer. We encourage you to visit our website at www.bls.gov for more information about our agency.