2021 Jeffrey L. Pressman Awards

The Department of Political Science announces the Summer 2021 Jeffrey L. Pressman Awards for research, travel or internship in US government, politics, law or education. All members of MIT undergraduate classes 2022, 2023, and 2024 are eligible to apply.

Several stipends (maximum $6500 each) will be awarded to MIT undergraduates for use during the summer to undertake a special project or internship in US government, politics, or policy. The project should focus on some legal, political, institutional, or policy issue.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS is Friday March 5th, 2021**

Submit your proposals to Scott Schnyer via email (sschnyer@mit.edu)

**GUIDELINES FOR YOUR PROPOSAL (3-5 Pages)**

1. Describe your project.
   - Why are you interested in this topic?
   - What is your background in this area?
   - How do you propose to complete the research or internship?
   - What will this project contribute to your education?
   - What will you contribute to the field by completing this research or internship?

2. Include a preliminary budget

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

1. Include a letter of recommendation from 1 MIT faculty member (or UROP supervisor or senior administrator at MIT).

2. A current resume.
Recent Pressman Award winners

**Summer 2019**

Christian Cruz  
Environmental Protection Agency

Nwanacho Nwana  
MIT Washington DC Office

Ignacio Ortega  
MIT Washington DC Office

Sarah Powazek  
Mass Civil Liberties Union

**Summer 2018**

Theresa Machemer  
American Society of Magazine Editors with National Geographic in DC

Helena Ma  
US Department of Health and Human Services on the KidneyX Program

Kevin Downey  
New York Office of the Securities and Exchange Commission Quantitative Analytics Unit

**Summer 2017**

Megan Schussman  
Internship at the MIT Washington, DC Office on Education issues

Rene Zhao  
Internship at the US Department of Health and Human Services on the Idea Lab

Deepi Ajjampore  
Internship at the Aerospace Corporation as a program and policy intern

**Summer 2016**

Anita Lui  
Internship at Child Care Aware

Benjamin Chazen  
Internship at the MIT Washington, DC Office on Energy issues

Alex McCullumsmith  
Internship at the US Department of the Interior on Environmental issues