

Opportunities through VSFS with USAID DIV

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Background on USAID DIV

The Center for Development Innovation (CDI) within the U.S. Global Development Lab at USAID seeks to identify and increase the adoption of high-impact development solutions through "open innovation" sourcing, rigorous testing and evaluation, and acceleration of those innovations with proven impact. These internship opportunities are located on one of three teams within CDI - its "Discover and Test" team, which focuses on identifying, testing and advancing innovative development solutions. The team leads the Development Innovations Ventures (DIV) program, an open innovation program designed to find breakthrough innovations, minimize risk, and maximize impact through staged financing, rigorous testing of impact and cost effectiveness, and scaling of proven innovations through the public and private sectors. DIV accepts proposals year-round from innovators anywhere, in any sector, centered on evidence-based, cost-effective solutions with the ability to reach scale. The portfolio of DIV grants spans all of the regions where USAID works and covers a variety of technical areas including health, environment, energy, governance, economic growth, water & sanitation.

DIV is widely-recognized as a highly-innovative program in government (for example, having been recognized, for example, by Harvard's Ash Center as a 2015 Top 25 [Innovation in American Government](#), and by the President's [Spark Initiative](#)). Its portfolio organizations include everything from [Off-Grid Electric](#), a social enterprise providing solar power to rural households in Sub-Saharan Africa, to [Innovations for Poverty Action](#), an organization that conducts impact evaluations to identify what works in development. For more information on DIV or its portfolio organizations, visit its [website](#).

Background on the Virtual Student Foreign Service internship program

The Virtual Student Foreign Service (VSFS) is the largest virtual internship program in the world. This year, there are more than 900 vacancies with more than 30 federal agencies, including USAID. VSFS offers unique mentoring and recruitment possibilities.

Applications for the 2016-17 VSFS program are open between **July 2 and 22** on [USAJOBS.gov](#). Real work is waiting for students with more than 30 federal agencies including NASA, the Smithsonian, the State Department, National Parks Service, and others. You can see the projects offered at <http://vsfs.state.gov/>! To apply, students must log on to USAJOBS, create an account, build a resume, and upload a transcript.

eInterns play an important role in moving the government forward. There's something for everyone: design, research, mapping, videography, history, analysis, writing, calculation, policy planning, app development, and more!

eInterns spend ten hours a week from September through May. Although this is unpaid, volunteer work, eInterns make connections that make a difference, gain valuable experience, and sometimes get course credit. All applicants must be U.S. citizens enrolled in at least one university level course in the U.S. or abroad.

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