Congress has proposed allocating funds to pay Hill interns

51%

of Senate offices don't pay their interns



90%

of House offices don't pay their interns

"By providing this dedicated funding to help House offices pay their interns, we are moving to level the playing field and provide opportunities for young Americans who might not otherwise have the financial means necessary to dedicate a full semester or summer to unpaid internships."

Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH13),

Ranking Member of the House Appropriations Legislative Branch Subcommittee



The average cost of a Washington, D.C. summer internship is \$6,000, a prohibitive cost for most students



Interns were previously paid under the Lyndon Baines Johnson Congressional Internship Program, which ended in 1994

Funding in FY2019 spending bills



Sources: WAMU, Pay Our Interns, CNN; Roll Call