The Center for a New American Security (CNAS) develops strong, pragmatic and principled national security and defense policies that promote and protect American interests and values. Building on the deep expertise and broad experience of its staff and advisors, CNAS engages policymakers, experts and the public with innovative fact-based research, ideas and analysis to shape and elevate the national security debate. As an independent and nonpartisan research institution, CNAS heads efforts to help inform and prepare the national security leaders of today and tomorrow. CNAS is led by Nathaniel Fick, Chief Executive Officer, and Dr. John Nagl, President. CNAS is located in Washington, DC, and was established in February 2007.

About the Program
The Joseph S. Nye, Jr. National Security Internship and Mentoring Program was established for up and coming practitioners and would-be policy makers. Dr. Nye has devoted his career to the preparation and mentoring of generations of strategists confronting today’s complex international security challenges.

The Joseph S. Nye internship program supports between six and ten accomplished young people each quarter (Spring, Summer, Fall) in a program involving policy research, writing, exposure to national policy debates and decision makers, and professional development. Participants will be chosen through an open, competitive process and awards will be made on merit.

CNAS offers full-time paid internships in research. Interns work closely with CNAS staff and are given considerable responsibility. Please refer to the project page on our website (www.cnas.org/projects) and indicate which projects may interest you in your cover letter. We will do our best to pair our selected interns with projects of their interest.

CNAS also offers Joseph S. Nye, Jr. External Relations and Development internships. Selected External Relations candidates work directly with the External Relations team on media relations and monitoring, strategic communications, event planning and execution, website development, web 2.0 initiatives, writing marketing materials, copy editing, and external relations writ large. Candidates with demonstrated interests in communications, journalism, web and print design, public relations,
and most importantly the mission of CNAS are encouraged to apply.

The Joseph S. Nye, Jr. Development Intern works with the Director of Development on donor and prospect outreach, communications and marketing collaterals, tracking and writing proposals and letters, scheduling internal and external meetings, tracking and processing internal fundraising activities, event planning, assisting with establishing new procedures and infrastructure, and other responsibilities related to fundraising. As CNAS is a small non-profit organization, development-related activities and donor cultivation are critical aspects of our day-to-day activities and long-term planning, providing the ideal candidate with an opportunity to understand the organization as a whole. The ideal candidate has excellent verbal and written communications skills, self-motivated, able to handle sensitive and confidential information, and an interest in the mission of CNAS.

Current Project Areas (2011/2012)

- Iraq/Afghanistan (Wars of Today)
- Future of Warfare (Wars of Tomorrow)
- Natural Security (Energy + Natural Resources)
- National Security in the Information Age (Cyber security and Internet freedom)
- Asia-Pacific Security
- Defense Policy (Acquisitions, Budgeting, Grand Strategy)

Compensation

CNAS interns are paid a modest monthly stipend of $400. In some cases by pre-arrangement, interns may earn academic credit. Interns are responsible for obtaining their own housing.

Applicants with Non-US Citizenship

All new hires, when applying, are required to present appropriate identifying documents and documentation of authorization to work in the United States. Interns are responsible for obtaining their own travel and visa arrangements; CNAS does not serve as a sponsor for intern work authorization. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please inform yourself as to the options available for gaining work authorization, the costs, and the time frame.

Deadlines

CNAS accepts applications on a rotating basis and fills positions as they become available. The majority of our hires occur during two terms.

Spring and Summer Internship (March-August): Applications must be postmarked or received electronically by January 1, 2012. Decisions will be announced February 15, 2012.

Fall and Wintern Internship (September-February): Applications must be postmarked or received electronically by June 1, 2012. Decision will be announced July 15, 2012.

How To Apply

Applications should be submitted online or by mail. To submit your application online, please visit http://www.cnas.org/about/internships.

A COMPLETE APPLICATION INCLUDES:

- A cover letter, resume and university-level transcripts (official or unofficial). Finalists will be asked to submit a 3-5 page writing sample and two letters of recommendation.

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All qualified applicants are considered without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.