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# Career Immersion Excursion Will Head to Nation's Capital

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Illinois Wesleyan University's successful [Career Immersion Excursion](#) heads to Washington, D.C. for four days in mid-March 2017, and students are invited to apply for the trip.

Sophomore, junior and senior students of all majors with an interest in government, public policy, advocacy, nonprofit, law, healthcare and the intersections of business and government should strongly consider applying, according to Laurie Diekhoff, associate director for career engagement at the [Hart Career Center](#). A maximum of 20 students will be chosen from the applicant pool. Students who are selected are expected to contribute \$250 per person toward the trip, which includes three nights hotel, air transportation, programs and most meals. A limited number of [scholarship fee waivers](#) are available for the excursion.



Students will have the opportunity to connect with elected officials and alumni experienced in a variety of fields in Washington, D.C.

The Career Immersion Excursion (CIE) program is designed to offer students an opportunity to get a close look at industries, companies and careers, and a chance to clarify career goals and aspirations. During the inaugural CIE to Chicago earlier this year, students visited several marketing or public relations firms and entrepreneurship sites and met with dozens of alumni and other business leaders. In a survey of students who participated in the 2016 CIE, 100 percent reported the trip met or exceeded their expectations and 100 percent would recommend it to a friend.

The Washington, D.C. excursion will include site visits to the FBI, the Capitol, and a think tank. Four panels will feature D.C. alumni with varied work experience in government, business, law, nonprofits and public policy discussing the following topics: business and government, healthcare, education and international affairs. In addition, a networking social with Illinois elected officials, alumni and others will be held at the Capitol Hill Club. Small-group sessions with young alumni are also planned.

"Washington, D.C. is consistently on 'best places for new graduates lists' and it's also home to many successful Titan alumni," said Diekhoff. "We are excited to introduce both the dynamic city and our amazing D.C. alumni to the student participants through site visits, alumni socials and professional networking events."

The Career Immersion Excursion program is made possible through generous support from the Carswell family and kind contributions from participating alumni and employers.

The deadline for application through [Titan Career Link](#) is Nov 14. For more information, contact [Laurie Diekhoff](#), associate director for career engagement at the Hart Career Center, at (309) 556-3326.

