

Intern Spotlight: Meet Anthony!

Name: Anthony Hernandez

Major: Political Science

College: College of Liberal Arts

Internship:

Archer Center Fellowship Program, Office of Representatives Hakeem Jeffries, Legislative Intern



The Archer Fellowship Program allowed me to travel to D.C. for my last undergraduate semester. All fellows sought out and accepted our own internships through the standard application process.

What did you do during your internship? What were your responsibilities/ duties?

As a legislative intern, I worked closely with the Representative's policy team every day by providing support in any projects and tasks as needed. Additionally, I managed the day's constituent correspondence by answering and logging phone calls from our constituents in New York's 8th Congressional district. Finally, I provided operational support to members of our Executive Officer during congressional events, official meetings and other legislative business as needed.

What was the exciting aspect of your internship?

Representative Jeffries currently serves as the Democratic Leader in the House of Representatives, so as a legislative intern, I had the privilege of providing support to Democratic leadership during the 118th Congress during the session's most significant events such as the 2024 State of the Union.

What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?

Never hesitate to reach out to UTRGV faculty, professors and staff. Everyone at UTRGV is happy to sit down and talk about a potential internship that you are interested in. By reaching out and growing your network, you better the chances of securing the right future for you.

How has the Career Center supported you in your career development?

The Career Center has offered me support by being a constant that I could rely on throughout my time at UTRGV. Whether it was through the services offered by the Center's team or by being available to answer any questions I came up with, the Career Center and the team involved were always there to help me succeed as I navigated my internships and undergraduate experience.