



Department
for Education

Care Leaver Internship Scheme 2022-2023



Aim of the Scheme

The internship scheme aims to give care leavers opportunities to develop and enhance their work-based skills and be a launch-pad for a successful working life, giving them a voice in the heart of government departments.



Key Facts

- The Care Leavers Internship Scheme is a 12-month fixed term appointment at AO (Administrative officer) / EA (Executive Assistant) or EO (Executive Officer) grade for one to two years depending on the requirements of the role.
- These are AO/EA & EO roles that are paid at the same salary as any fixed term appointment in the government department that the young person is allocated to.
- In order to apply for the Care Leaver Internship Scheme the individual must have been eligible for a leaving care support package when they left care.
- In order to qualify for leaving care support, they must have been in care for a minimum of 13 weeks, some of which must have been after their 16th birthday.
- As these are ring-fenced opportunities, across government departments, these opportunities are only available to care leavers, who are aged 18-30 years.
- The young person must satisfy the [Civil Service nationality rules](#).
- No qualifications are needed; however, the young person will need to provide good examples to demonstrate -that they have the right skills and experience for the roles on offer.
- The young person will need to write a personal statement to demonstrate how they meet the essential criteria as outlined in the advert.
- The advert will go live on [Civil Service jobs](#)

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Information sessions

Over the coming months, we are hosting sessions for charities, support organisations and Local Authorities that are keen to learn more about the scheme and to answer any questions. We are also holding two sessions for Young People to talk more about the Civil Service and about the application process.

The key dates have been outlined below.



Dates for information sessions

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| 6 th July- | Session for charities & support organisations: | (1:30 - 3pm) |
| 13 th July- | Session 1 for Local Authorities: | (1:30 - 3pm) |
| 20 th July- | Session 2 for Local Authorities: | (10:30 - 12) |
| 9 th August- | Session 1 for young people: | (11:30am-1pm) |
| 18 th August- | Session 2 for young people: | (4:30pm-6pm) |

Recruitment timeline for 2022-2023

8th August- Advert goes live

5th September - Advert Closes

20th September - Successful candidates invited to
interview

26th September- Interviews commence.

7th October - Interviews finish

Mid November- Successful candidates informed and allocation of
successful candidates to departments.

Should you have any further questions, please email
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