

## CAREER CONNECTION FAIR

### Public Service Internships & Job Opportunities

Dear College and University Presidents and Career Advisors,

New Jersey colleges and universities are ranked as some of the best academic institutions in the nation – thanks in no small part to its leadership. One important measure of success is the ability for graduates to pursue their goals in fulfilling and sustaining careers.

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) in partnership with the New Jersey League of Municipalities (NJLM) wants to expand student awareness of the varied and rewarding public sector internship and employment opportunities available. Public service careers offer meaningful work, competitive benefits, work–life balance, and leadership growth.

Please accept our invitation on behalf of your students and staff to attend the second annual **Career Connection Fair**, taking place on **November 18, 2025**, at the **New Jersey League of Municipalities (NJLM) Annual Conference** at the Atlantic City Convention Center.

Student and staff registration is now open. Please ask your career advisory staff to share this invitation broadly with undergraduate, graduate, law students and recent graduates through employment platforms such as Handshake. Detailed information may be found on the DCA website at: <https://nj.gov/dca/home/careerfair.shtml> Students may register themselves and career counselors may register a group here: [Career Connection Fair Registration](#)

Professors in every discipline are encouraged to incorporate this valuable experience into their curriculum because as a bonus to the \$10 per student event registration fee, they will have **free access to the seminars being held at the largest municipal conference in the country that is organized by NJLM.**

Internships provide outstanding opportunities for students to put theory into practice, explore career options, and learn from seasoned professionals.

The **Career Connection Fair** aims to inform students of the rewarding career opportunities that municipal, county, and state governments, and their affiliate agencies have to offer. They will learn how a career in public service provides a sustaining, successful livelihood while also enhancing the greater good of their communities.

For more information, please contact Judith Drucker to arrange a meeting at [Judith.Drucker@dca.nj.gov](mailto:Judith.Drucker@dca.nj.gov).

The **Career Connection Fair** is building upon the tremendous success of our inaugural fair where students and recent graduates connected directly with professionals in local government, heard from current interns and recent hires, and explored real career paths in public service. **Highlights from 2024:** [Watch the video](#)

#### What Students Can Expect:

- Keynotes from state and college leadership

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- Insights into relevant academic pathways and ties to public sector employment
- Live connections with hiring professionals in state, county, and municipal government
- Internship and full-time job opportunities
- Free professional headshots

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Academic institutions play vital roles in helping students transition into rewarding, mission-driven careers. With your support, we can connect the next generation with opportunities that complement their academic specialty, support their lifestyle, and fulfill their goal of making each day matter.

Thank you for your commitment to the success of New Jersey's students and workforce development. We look forward to seeing your students at the Career Connection Fair.

With gratitude and thanks,

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