

POLI 341: The World of Elections

Career Exploration Paper Prompt

The Career Exploration paper consists of you browsing a list of available jobs and internships and then submitting a reflection paper, as described below. You are encouraged to take one of two approaches when looking for opportunities.

- Option 1: Opportunities you can currently apply for. This option would involve identifying employment opportunities (for graduating seniors) or summer internships (for students in Year 1-3 at Hendrix) that you could apply for immediately.
- Option 2: Opportunities that you might not apply for immediately, but would consider in the future. This could include positions that are appealing to you but would most likely require additional work experience or advanced education or training beyond Hendrix.

The following list should help you identify relevant positions, but feel free to explore organizations beyond it that you might find appealing, as long as they offer opportunities in the field of election quality or democracy building more broadly.

- The Electoral Knowledge Network: [LINK](#)
- National Democratic Institute: [LINK](#)
- International Republican Institute: [LINK](#)
- National Endowment for Democracy: [LINK](#)
- US Department of State Democracy Program: [General Link](#), [Internship Link](#)
- The Carter Center: [LINK](#)
- Center for Strategic and International Studies: [LINK](#)
- IDEA (Sweden): [LINK](#)

Write a reflection of 600-800 words that contains the following:

- The job you considered. Be sure to include its title and ideally a link to it or at least the job description as a footnote.
- A brief elaboration of why the particular job or internship is appealing to you.
- A reflection of whether what you have learned so far in the class might make you a better candidate for the job.
- An assessment of what additional skills or experience you might need to attain in order to be a qualified candidate for the opportunity you have selected;
 - What can you do that can be a building block;
 - What can you be your next step;
- A discussion of whether any of the internships or job options seem like a possible career or professional development path for you. Don't worry if it doesn't seem like this is the case. If it is, however, it would be useful information for me.