Samuel Okafor

Political Affairs Intern

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SUMMARY

Political science student at American University seeking a political affairs internship, with 2 years of legislative research and field organizing work. Tracks bills across 3 state legislatures, writes short policy memos and briefs, and organizes voter outreach events with community groups.

SKILLS

Legislative Research • Bill Tracking • Policy Analysis • Policy Memos • Voter Outreach • Stakeholder Research
Microsoft Excel • Event Planning • Public Speaking • Written Communication

EXPERIENCE

Student Research Assistant (part-time) 09/2025 - Present

American University School of Public Affairs Washington, DC

Faculty research project on state election administration laws.

- Track **140** election bills in Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania and update a shared bill tracking database.
- Summarize committee hearings and floor votes in 2-page policy memos for the faculty lead each week.
- Code 10 years of legislative votes in Microsoft Excel for policy analysis of party-line voting.
- Compile research on state agencies and stakeholders for a briefing book used by 3 graduate seminars.

Field Organizer (part-time) 05/2024 - 08/2025

Maryland Voter Access Coalition Silver Spring, MD

Nonpartisan group working on voter registration in Montgomery County.

- Secured **650** new voter registrations at 30 campus and community events across Montgomery County.
- Recruited and scheduled 25 volunteers for weekend canvasses and phone banks.
- Delivered public speaking sessions on voter ID rules at 8 high school civics classes.
- Drafted talking points for 12 volunteer trainings on Maryland same-day registration rules.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts 05/2027

American University Washington, DC

Political Science GPA: 3.7

CERTIFICATES

Microsoft Office Specialist: Excel Associate

Microsoft

04/2025