



USGIF Intern – 2026–2027 Class

The United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation (USGIF) is seeking highly motivated graduate students to join our 2026–2027 Intern Class.

This paid internship offers a distinctive opportunity to advance the GEOINT tradecraft while gaining direct exposure to senior leaders across government, industry, and academia. It is designed for graduate students seeking early exposure to senior decision-makers and a competitive foundation for careers in the GEOINT and national security communities.

Interns work alongside USGIF staff to support high-level working groups, thought leadership initiatives, and the Foundation’s programs, including its flagship annual event, the GEOINT Symposium. Through research, stakeholder engagement, and program execution, interns gain meaningful professional experience within the national security community while building relationships across the broader GEOINT ecosystem. USGIF alumni have gone on to roles across the Intelligence Community, federal agencies, and leading GEOINT organizations.

Interns selected for the 2026–2027 class must commit to serving with USGIF through GEOINT 2027 (June 2–7, 2027) and be available to travel in support of GEOINT 2026 (May 1–6, 2026).

About USGIF

The United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation (USGIF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational foundation. We are dedicated to promoting the geospatial intelligence tradecraft and developing a stronger GEOINT Community with government, industry, academia, professional organizations, and individuals who develop and apply geospatial intelligence to address national security challenges. USGIF achieves its mission through various programs and events, along with building the community, advancing the tradecraft, and accelerating innovation.

Duties & Responsibilities

- Conduct research and analysis on trends impacting the GEOINT, national security, and defense communities
- Develop and contribute to GEOINT-focused content, including white papers, website

updates, and other thought leadership initiatives under the guidance of staff and working group chairs

- Lead coordination of USGIF working groups, including managing member communications, meeting coordination, database management, and ensuring timely execution of action items
- Support execution of USGIF programs and events, including registration management, speaker coordination, on-site support, and stakeholder engagement
- Support cross-functional initiatives and special projects that enhance organizational effectiveness

Qualifications

- U.S. citizenship required
- Current enrollment in (or admitted to begin) a Master's program in geospatial intelligence, GIS, national security, public policy, foreign policy, intelligence studies, homeland security, or a related field
- Graduation date of May 2027 or later
- Demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in the GEOINT, intelligence, or national security community
- Strong written and verbal communication skills, with the ability to produce clear, professional materials for varied audiences
- Excellent organizational skills, attention to detail, and the ability to represent USGIF professionally in member and stakeholder interactions
- Ability to manage multiple priorities in a fast-paced, mission-driven environment
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office
- Ability to travel occasionally and attend periodic after-hours events

Work Schedule and Expectations

- Hybrid schedule with one in-person day per week (typically Tuesdays) at our metro-accessible office in Herndon, VA
- Additional in-person participation may be requested for USGIF programs, events, or partner engagements
- Occasional lifting of event materials (up to 25 lbs.)

Compensation

This is a part-time, paid hourly position at \$16 per hour. Interns work approximately 24–29 hours per week.

To Apply

- Applications are being accepted through Monday, March 16.
- Submit a cover letter and résumé to interns@usgif.org.
- USGIF hires interns as a cohort to foster collaboration, team cohesion, and peer networking.
- Applicants selected to move forward will be contacted directly.