

2019 Summer Associate Program

IDA Staff at a Glance

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- Intelligence Analyses Division
- Operational Evaluation Division
- Science and Technology Division
- Information Technology and Systems Division
- Joint Advanced Warfighting Division
- System Evaluation Division
- Strategy, Forces and Resources Division

The Institute for Defense Analyses - Science and Technology Policy Institute is located in Washington, DC and assists the Executive Branch of the U.S. government in formulating federal S&T policy by providing high-quality, objective, analytical support to inform policymakers.

Overview of Our Associate Program

The Institute for Defense Analyses is seeking applicants with statistical expertise for Summer Associate positions. The [IDA Summer Associate Program](#) provides statisticians with a unique opportunity to use their quantitative and analytic skills to work on challenging real-world national security issues. Positions are available with a variety of focuses. Projects from past years have included functional data analysis, Bayesian approaches to reliability estimation, and statistics in science policy. . Each year, IDA hires paid student associates at its Virginia and Washington, DC facilities to work for a minimum of 10 weeks between June and August. We pay for one round trip travel expenses for out of town students. Associates are responsible for living expenses during the summer.

We seek highly qualified students with strong academic backgrounds. Our preference for the program is graduate students, but we will consider undergraduates who are rising seniors. In either case, students must be returning to an academic institution to actively pursue a degree in the fall to qualify for IDA's summer program. We do not use GPA as a screening tool, but we have noted that in previous years, more than 3/4 of our interns have had undergraduate GPAs above 3.3.

Applicants are required to submit a resume and transcripts for consideration.

IDA will accept [applications](#) for the program from September 1, 2018 through January 5, 2019.

Applicants who are selected will be subject to a security investigation and must meet eligibility requirements for access to classified information. U.S. citizenship is required.