

Nebraska Governance and Technology Center Externship Fellowship Program Charter

Section 1. Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this program is to help University of Nebraska students take externships in industry or government that will improve their understanding of challenging technology governance issues. In particular, this program is intended to help defray the cost of spending one academic semester (including summers) in an unpaid industry or government externship more than 100 miles from Lincoln, Nebraska.

Section 2. Governance And Technology Center Extern Fellowship Grants

- (a) A person is eligible for an Extern Fellowship grant if the person
1. is an enrolled student at the University of Nebraska
 2. submits an application to the Nebraska Governance And Technology Center and
 3. provides supporting information as required and
 4. is spending one academic semester (including summers) in an unpaid industry or government externship more than 100 miles from Lincoln, Nebraska.
- (b) In deciding whether to award a grant Center leadership, chiefly the Director and Executive Director, may consider any factor that they consider relevant, including but not limited to:
1. the potential sources of other funding for the applicant;
 2. the potential family contribution(s) for the applicant;
 3. the amount of the applicant's income;
 4. the nature of the applicant's employment;
 5. the connection between the applicant's long-term goals and the field of law;
 6. the applicant's prior commitment to technology or governance issues;
 7. the applicant's academic performance; and
 8. whether the applicant has applied for work study.

Section 3. Changed Circumstances and New Information

A recipient of a grant shall notify Center leadership of changed circumstances or new information that a reasonable person would take into account in deciding whether to alter or revoke a grant.

Section 4. Nebraska Governance And Technology Center Extern Fellowship Committee

Nebraska Governance And Technology Center grants will be administered by a committee. The committee consists of the Center's Director, Executive Director, and an administrative representative (Dean or Director) from the Law College's Career Development Office.

- (a) The Committee shall have absolute discretion to determine
1. whether to award Governance And Technology Center Extern Grants in a particular year, and
 2. how many grants to award in a particular year, and
 3. whether to award a grant to an applicant, and
 4. the amount of any grant, and
 5. the method or methods of payment, and

6. whether to terminate or alter the award.
- (b) The Committee shall have the authority by majority vote to make substantive and procedural rules and to amend this charter.
 - (c) Actions of the Committee, including actions taken under subsection (a) of this section, shall be subject to review by the Dean of the Law School.
 - (d) A priority deadline for applications will be set in October for spring externs, March for summer externs, and June for fall externs of each funding year. The Committee will meet as a whole at least once before deciding to award an Grant to anyone who applies by the priority deadlines. This Committee meeting will occur on any date before October/March/June 30th of the current funding year.
 - (e) Subject to available funding, the Committee will have the discretion to award a Nebraska Governance And Technology Center Extern Fellow Grant to anyone who (1) secures employment in the field of public interest law after the priority deadline has passed and (2) submits a complete application to be reviewed by the Committee.

Section 5. Disclaimer

The Nebraska Governance and Technology Center or the Law College may alter or terminate an Extern Fellow Grant at any time. Nothing in this charter, no rule or action of the Committee or the Law College, and no oral or written statement by any person shall obligate the Committee, the Law College, or any person to make, pay on, continue, or renew any Center grant. Furthermore, nothing in this charter, no rule or action of the Committee or the Law College, and no oral or written statement by any person shall provide any basis for a claim of any kind against the Committee, the Law College, or any person for breach of contract, promissory estoppel, violation of property or procedural rights, or otherwise.