

THE EDWARD T. ROGOWSKY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM IN GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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MODEL NYS SENATE SESSION PROJECT

The Model New York State Senate Session Project is an annual leadership development program, run by the ETR Internship Program in collaboration with the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force of the New York State Legislature and the State University of New York. Every year sixty CUNY and SUNY students are brought together for a short intensive series of training sessions on policy formulation, legislative processes, representation and leadership. CUNY



students were selected for participation from their home campuses through the offices of their respective college presidents, provosts and student affairs officers. The ETR Internship Program coordinated the selection process for CUNY. SUNY coordinates the selection of SUNY students through the SUNY Metropolitan Recruitment Center. The sessions also include visits from prominent NYS legislators and guest lecturers. The program culminates with students debating bills on the floor of the New York State Senate chamber in Albany. Once the session is over students are also given the opportunity to compete for scholarships. Through participation in the process of legislative decision-making, students further their organizational, research and public speaking skills by means of a model legislative session. By working on a legislative agenda that they developed in part, the students play an integral role in their pursuit of a public service education. Moreover, they were introduced to a “hands-on” approach to becoming more involved in the political and policy processes that affect them, their families and their communities.

**KEY POINTS:**

Applications are available in February.

Minimum requirements: 15 credits earned and a minimum 2.0 GPA.

Students are required to attend four training sessions.

Students must be nominated by the campus.

All majors may apply.

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