**WASHINGTON PROGRAM IN NATIONAL ISSUES**

**SPRING SEMESTER 2025**

*I. General Information*

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(International students only: Passport Country & Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

Local Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Excepted Graduation Date (month/year): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Academic Major \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Are you on financial aid? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

**Parent/guardian or person to be notified in case of emergency:**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (evening)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Insurance Company (Health/Medical Care) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*II. College Courses*

Please list the college courses you have taken, are now completing, or plan to take including the upcoming summer and fall semesters, which you believe especially contribute to your preparation for participation in the Washington Program in National Issues. **The program is open to students of all majors, and non-political science courses could apply.**

Past Fall/Current

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# WASHINGTON PROGRAM IN NATIONAL ISSUES 2023 APPLICATION

*III.* On a separate sheet, please give a brief directed autobiographical statement. Include personal characteristics or experiences you have had which you feel might have prepared you well for an experience such as the Washington Program; reasons for your interest in the Washington Program; what kind of internship (if any at this early date) you might be interested in pursuing and why; and indicate what phase of the program especially interests you.

*IV.* Two letters of recommendation. These may be from university faculty members and/or a professional supervisor who is familiar with you. The person making the recommendation should

send the letter directly to the WPNI Office (address below). Please indicate below the name,

title, email address, and phone number of person sending letter of recommendation.

I. Name/Title \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

II. Name/Title \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*V.*  I authorize you to request a copy of my academic transcript from the Registrar

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: All applicants are required to meet and have a short (one-hour) interview with the Director to discuss the program and your goals and interests. Please arrange to do this directly by email (see below).

**PLEASE EMAIL THIS APPLICATION TO THE ADDRESSES LISTED BELOW:**

**Professor Mark Cassell, Director WPNI**

[**mcassell@kent.edu**](mailto:mcassell@kent.edu)

**Sarah Schmidt**

[sschmi16@kent.edu](mailto:sschmi16@kent.edu)

It is the applicant’s responsibility to see that all necessary materials are received by the WPNI Office by the deadline.

**Important Application Information:**

* **The program accepts approximately 20 students each year.**
* **Applications are accepted between May 1 and August 30, 2023. However, there is a rolling admissions process. This means the application review and admission decision begins once the process is open on May 1. A student is more likely to be admitted into the program the earlier they apply.**
* **Students interested in jobs with federal agencies that require a security clearance (CIA, NSA, Pentagon) should apply early in the summer to allow for clearance checks.**
* **Preference is given to Juniors and Seniors.**
* **Minimum GPA requirement is 3.0.**