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GRADUATE INTERNSHIP

A Comprehensive, Professional and Academic Program

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January – June

The Assembly's Graduate Internship Program provides an opportunity for up to 10 Graduate Scholars to serve as full-time staff researchers and policy analysts for Assembly leaders, committees and central staff. Graduate Scholars' responsibilities can include: fiscal analysis of proposed legislation and program budgets, researching and drafting bills and memos, and preparing background papers and reports. Specific duties are dependent on the abilities of the Graduate Scholar and the needs of the office.

The Assembly Intern Committee's faculty advise the Graduate Scholars and initiate a series of seminars and activities designed to integrate theory and practice. Graduate Scholars are also required to attend Issue Policy Forums as well as a course run by the faculty.



Janet Penksa, PhD

Dr. Janet Penksa is the Professor-in-Residence for the Graduate Scholar Program. She facilitates a weekly seminar series in which she shares her expertise in public budgeting, metropolitan governance, and strategic planning for not-for-profit agencies and government.

Dr. Penksa has held a number of senior level positions in academia and the public and private sectors. She launched her career in the New York State Legislature as a Graduate Scholar on the Assembly Ways and Means

Committee. She rose to the appointed position of Secretary to the Ways and Means Committee in 1993, making her the first woman in the history of New York State to oversee one of the three key state fiscal departments in Albany. Dr. Penksa subsequently served as an Associate Vice President at the University at Buffalo from 1999 until 2005, overseeing the Office of Government Affairs.

From 2007 to 2012, Dr. Penksa served as Commissioner of Administration, Finance, Policy and Urban Affairs for the City of Buffalo. Among her accomplishments, Dr. Penksa directed the city's fiscal management practices that resulted in the end of the NYS imposed financial control period and increases in the City Wall Street credit ratings to "A" grade, the highest in over 40 years.

Prior to her appointment to the Assembly Graduate Scholar Program, Dr. Penksa held the position of Executive Director at the Jacobs Institute, responsible for start-up operations for this newly established Buffalo-based innovation center.

Dr. Penksa received her doctorate from the University at Buffalo. She earned a master's of public administration and an undergraduate degree at SUNY Binghamton and is currently also a Visiting Associate Professor at Buffalo State College.

Assembly Graduate Scholars receive an \$15,000 stipend for the six month, full-time Internship which coincides with the legislative session from January through June. The Internship provides a unique mix of professional and educational experience.



The Honorable Deborah J. Glick, Intern Committee Chair (right)



Dr. Janet Penksa, Professor-in-Residence (front row second from right) with 2015 Graduate Scholars