Summer Internship for J.D. Credit

Overview
Students may receive academic credit for unpaid summer internships for which credit is a condition of employment. To receive credit, students must propose and get an HLS faculty member’s approval of a one-credit paper prior to accepting the internship. The paper, to be completed in the fall term following the summer internship, must be 15-20 pages long and involve a substantive legal issue related to the internship. Students will receive a grade on the paper which will qualify as one of the two pieces of writing required under Option 2 of the J.D. Written Work Requirement. With the approval of the faculty supervisor, students may also complete the summer internship paper as a 2- or 3-credit Option 1 paper; such a paper must be significantly longer in length, and greater in scope than an Option 2 paper.

Registration
In order to register for academic credit for an unpaid summer internship you must complete this form and submit it to the Registrar’s Office no later than May 1 of the year in which the summer internship will take place. Completion of the form requires (1) the student’s and the employer’s certification that academic credit is a condition of the internship; (2) the student’s description of the proposed paper; and (3) the HLS faculty supervisor’s approval of the proposed paper.

Paper Proposal
Your paper proposal, written on a separate sheet of paper, should briefly describe the topic and include other information you think will assist your faculty supervisor, such as the approach you think you may take, the extent and type of research, the relationship of the topic to your summer internship, and previous work you may have done in the area. You should also consult with your faculty supervisor to see if any additional information is required.

FACULTY SUPERVISOR’S NAME: ____________________________________________

APPROVED: _____________________________________ DATE: ______________

Faculty Supervisor’s Signature

Certification
The signatures below certify that academic credit for my summer internship is a condition of employment.

STUDENT NAME: __________________________________________ I.D. # __________

STUDENT SIGNATURE: ______________________________________ DATE: ______________

EMPLOYER: __________________________________ LOCATION: _______________________

EMPLOYER SIGNATURE: ______________________________ POSITION/DATe: ______________