

LIBERTY CORNER, N.J. (Jan. 28, 2021) – As part of its ongoing efforts to provide a pathway for people of all backgrounds to pursue a career in golf, the United States Golf Association (USGA) has fully funded more than 130 paid internships through its P.J. Boatwright Jr. Program for the 2021 season, available in all 50 states.

Lasting between three and 12 months, these immersive internship experiences are tailored to the unique needs of the 59 Allied Golf Associations (AGAs) in the United States and Puerto Rico. Interns may have the opportunity to conduct amateur competitions and junior golf programs, support membership initiatives and much more. A list of 2021 internship opportunities, by state, can be found [here](#).

AGAs provide invaluable services at the state and regional level. They promote golf for both recreational and competitive players, and the diverse backgrounds of P.J. Boatwright interns are an integral aspect of their ability to grow and support the game. AGAs are responsible for delivering the World Handicap System™ to golfers within their communities, and they also conduct more than 600 qualifiers annually for the USGA's 14 global championships, which draw tens of thousands of competitors of all ages.

"Despite the challenges that took place in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, golf continues to grow and thrive," said Mike Davis, CEO of the USGA. "As we celebrate 30 years of the P.J. Boatwright Internship Program, we are thankful to alumnae who have made significant impacts in our industry and look forward to continuing our commitment to cultivate a diverse pool of talent for the long-term health and viability of our game."

Boatwright alumni include 22 current executive directors at state and regional golf associations and represent almost 40 percent of AGA staff. 15 current USGA staff members are also Boatwright alumni.

"To be quite honest, my 15-year career in the golf industry would not have been possible without the USGA grant," said Tyler Riggan, Southeast director of Regional Affairs for the USGA and a former P.J. Boatwright Intern with the Golf Association of Philadelphia. "The game of golf teaches you so much about life, but the opportunity to work in and around the game teaches you so much more. I am so thankful for the opportunity that this program provided."

The USGA has invested more than \$30 million to provide college students and other qualified applicants with hands-on experience as staff members at the USGA's network of AGAs over the program's 30-year history. The value of the internship funding in 2021 totals \$1.7 million.

In May and June 2020, the P.J. Boatwright Jr. Internship Program created a first-of-its-kind summit for interns through a series of virtual professional development sessions led by over 40 USGA staff members. These sessions included introductions to each of the organization's key service functions, including Championships, Rules, the Museum, Communications and Marketing. In past years, this summit was held in-person at USGA headquarters in Liberty Corner, N.J.

To learn more about the P.J. Boatwright Jr. Internship Program and explore current open roles, [click here](#).

About the P.J. Boatwright Jr. Internship Program

The program honors the contributions of P.J. Boatwright Jr., the USGA's third executive director, who played a pivotal role in both the USGA and golf in the United States. An accomplished amateur player, he served as executive director of the Carolinas Golf Association for five years before joining the USGA in 1959. He served the association until his death in 1991, leaving a legacy of sportsmanship and service.

In addition to being a recipient of the Bob Jones Award, the USGA's highest honor, Boatwright's legacy is celebrated through his enshrinement in the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame, Wofford College Hall of Fame and Carolinas Golf

Hall of Fame, among others. In 1990, the Golf Writers Association of America presented him with the William D. Richardson Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to golf.

The internship program is part of the USGA's annual \$70 million investment in the game fueled by revenues generated by the U.S. Open.

About the USGA

The USGA is a nonprofit organization that celebrates, serves and advances the game of golf. Founded in 1894, we conduct many of golf's premier professional and amateur championships, including the U.S. Open and U.S. Women's Open. With The R&A, we govern the sport via a global set of playing, equipment, handicapping and amateur status rules. The USGA campus in Liberty Corner, New Jersey, is home to the Association's Research and Test Center, where science and innovation are fueling a healthy and sustainable game for the future. The campus is also home to the USGA Golf Museum, where we honor the game by curating the world's most comprehensive archive of golf artifacts. To learn more, visit usga.org.

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