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OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY JOHN GLENN COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS ANNOUNCE HOMELAND SECURITY INTERNSHIP INITIATIVE

(COLUMBUS) – The Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS), through Ohio Homeland Security (OHS), is partnering with the nationally-recognized John Glenn College of Public Affairs at The Ohio State University, for a new internship program aimed at harnessing college students' innovative ideas and analytical skills to contribute to a safer Ohio.

“While employing interns is not new to ODPS and other state agencies, this will mark the first time students will help develop strategy, methods, and implementation to enhance homeland security efforts in Ohio,” said ODPS Director John Born. “This is both an exciting opportunity for the Department and the University, and I’m looking forward to the creative work that these highly-talented students will develop.”

ODPS and the John Glenn College of Public Affairs have agreed to annually employ and rotate interns, through a highly selective process. Beginning with the 2016 summer semester, OHS will be employing interns specializing in the following areas: Cyber Security Analytical; Information Security; and Infrastructure Protection. All three identified specialized tracks will include exposure to the agency’s Ohio Public Private Partnership (OP3) program administration. OP3 was developed to bring together key members of the private and public sectors in a collaborative effort to enhance disaster planning, preparedness, response and recovery. While the interns will be specializing in those specific areas, the focus may change during the course of respective internships as OHS operations dictate, allowing for maximum experience and opportunities for each student. Interns will be supervised by, and will work directly with, staff employed by OHS. Internships will run for the duration of 12 months, and could be extended beyond that time if mutually agreed upon.

“This internship will provide students with a hands-on experience in one of the most critical public safety functions – homeland security,” said Trevor Brown, Dean of the John Glenn College of Public Affairs. “We’re excited to partner with Public Safety to create this opportunity for Glenn College students.”

The first student began her OHS internship today, while the second will start in the coming days.

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