



Connect Your Students to Public Service Careers at the NJLM Career Connections Fair

Dear Higher Education Leaders, Career Services Counselors and Advisors:

Your students are preparing for careers that can make a difference. The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) in partnership with the New Jersey League of Municipalities (NJLM) invites your students to discover career opportunities in public service at the third annual **Public Service Career Connections Fair**.

Career Connections Fair
Tuesday, November 17, 2026
Atlantic City Convention Center
Check-in: 8:30 a.m. /Program: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Registration: \$10 per person

What Students Can Expect:

- Meet hiring professionals from state, and municipal government
- Hear from state and local leaders about public service careers
- Explore pathways that connect academic disciplines to public sector opportunities
- Learn about internships in government
- Receive a free professional headshot
- Access to over 125 educational sessions at the NJLM conference

In 2025, hundreds of students benefitted from paid internships within New Jersey State government. Internships provide outstanding opportunities to put theory into practice, explore career options, build professional networks, and learn from experienced public-sector professionals.

Register Your Students

Students may register individually, and Career Counselors may register groups: [Career Connections Fair Registration](#) is \$10 per person. **See the 2025 Career Connections Fair in action: [Watch the video](#)** **Questions?** email CareerFair@dca.nj.gov

The Public Service Career Connections Fair connects students directly with professionals from state, county, and municipal government to explore career paths, internships, and opportunities to put their education into action.

Academic institutions play an important role in helping students turn their education into meaningful careers. We encourage you to share this opportunity with students across disciplines, including undergraduates and graduate students, and law students. Please consider



incorporating the Career Connections Fair into your career development, internship, or academic programming.

Thank you for your commitment in preparing New Jersey's students and strengthening our state's future workforce. We look forward to welcoming your students to Atlantic City.

Sincerely,

Jacquelyn A. Suárez
Commissioner
New Jersey Department of Community
Affairs

Michael Cerra
Executive Director
New Jersey State League of Municipalities

P.S. Please share this invitation through **Handshake, career centers, faculty networks, and other student employment platforms** to help connect more students with opportunities to serve their communities and build rewarding careers in public service. Undergraduate, graduate, and law students are encouraged to attend. Detailed information may be found on the DCA website at: <https://www.nj.gov/dca/home/careerfair2026.shtml>