

PRETRIAL SERVICES, Arizona Superior Court in Pima County

# Internship Program

*To promote public safety, court appearance, and pretrial justice.*



## What is Pretrial Services?

### Program Requirements:

- Must be enrolled in 4 year degree program as a Junior or Senior.
- Must be enrolled in a class for internship credit.
- Must provide a current resume and a letter of interest.
- Must be at least 20 years of age.
- Must have no felony convictions.
- Must agree to submit to fingerprinting and criminal history check.
- Must commit to intern a minimum of 120 hours.

Pretrial Services (PTS), acts as an independent, objective and neutral source of information whose primary mission is to screen the adult pretrial arrestee population (misdemeanor and felony) for release suitability and to provide the court with accurate information and a release recommendation for those defendants.

## PTS Involvement from Arrest to Adjudication

A defendant is arrested and booked in to the Detention Center.

Pretrial Officers submit recommendations regarding release conditions to the Court at each Initial Appearance hearing. These assessments are based on information gathered from numerous computerized criminal history repositories and interviews conducted with defendants, references, and victims.

Pretrial Officers supervise defendants released under the agency's supervision. They will arrange for drug/alcohol testing, submit referrals for counseling and help assure the Court the defendant is abiding by court ordered conditions of

Pretrial Services involvement ends when the defendant's case has been dismissed or adjudicated.

### Available Career Paths:

- Careers in County and Federal Pretrial Services
- Parole and Probation Departments
- Higher Education Degree or Law School

### Program Info:

- Internships offered during the Fall, Spring, or Summer semesters.
- Internship locations: Assessment Office, Pima County Adult Detention Center, 1270 W. Silverlake Road or Supervised Release Office, 150 W. Congress Street in Downtown Tucson

## How do I become a PTS Intern?

### How to Apply:

- Visit <https://agency.governmentjobs.com/scpima/default.cfm>
- Select "Pretrial Services UNPAID Internships"
- Click on the link and select "APPLY" to submit an application

Contact Pretrial Services at 520-724-3310 and ask for the Internship Supervisor or email [pts@sc.pima.gov](mailto:pts@sc.pima.gov). There are a limited number of internship positions available each semester so contact PTS for specific information regarding the program.



### Program Benefits:

- Get the opportunity to interact with defendants, judges, attorneys, victims, law enforcement agencies, corrections officers and other criminal justice departments.
- Gain valuable firsthand experience working directly in the criminal justice field.
- Interact with people from a wide variety of social economic backgrounds.
- Learn how judges make release/detention decisions and learn what happens after someone is arrested.