Internships

Internships provide vital links to contacts within your future profession and a place to put your classroom training to the test. What better way to gain practical experience for your resume.

Many corporations and nonprofit organizations offer highly structured internship programs, hoping to attract the “best and brightest” before they graduate. These programs generally offer invaluable on the job training.

Internships are readily available in many career fields and industries in Southern California, across the nation, and around the globe. Each year, numerous companies actively recruit UCLA students for internships and summer positions through BruinView™ listings and On Campus Recruiting (OCR). For more information, go to career.ucla.edu/OCR and career.ucla.edu/FTE.

By the time they receive their UCLA degree, many students will have completed several internships or summer programs to gain experience and get a competitive advantage in the job market.

College / DC Fellows Summer Internship Program

Each summer, the Career Center supports up to 30 Bruins as they pursue internships with elected officials, international nonprofit groups, private sector companies, and a host of other Washington, DC employers. Students in the DC internship program stay in shared apartments at the UC Washington Center conveniently located five blocks from the White House. Interns who qualify can earn helpful stipends or scholarships to cover some living expenses. Many Bruins also choose the option of independent study units during their internship, in order to maintain degree progress or qualify for a financial aid supplement. Undergraduates, grad students, and spring grads from all majors are eligible to apply during Fall quarter through BruinView™. For updated program information, please visit career.ucla.edu/internships.

In addition, the Career Center encourages Bruins to consider the outstanding academic-year internship program in DC offered through CAPPP, the Center for American Politics and Public Policy (cappp.ucla.edu). CAPPP students live at UC Washington Center and intern during fall, winter, or spring quarters, while pursuing a full-time academic program. Because interns remain full-time students, all financial aid and scholarships can be applied during the CAPPP program.

The Career Center also supports students and new grads who prefer to pursue paid internship assignments with federal government agencies.

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A wide range of federal internship programs welcome applications from current Bruins or new grads, who arrange their own housing, earn excellent wages, and do not receive other UCLA financial support. Many of these programs put students in a strong position for entry-level employment after graduation. Bruins seeking advice on how to apply may meet with any Career Counselor during a Same Day Appointment or Peer Advisor during regularly schedule Drop-In advising hours. Find more information on all these options in the Internship Zone and online at career.ucla.edu.

Sacramento Internship Services

The Career Center also provides resources for Bruins seeking a summer public service internship in Sacramento. Undergrads, grad students, and Spring grads who receive federal or state financial aid are eligible to earn a small program stipend or scholarship. Public service assignments include the Governors’ Office and Cabinet Agencies, the State Senate and Assembly, non-profit groups, and educational institutions. For more information, please visit career.ucla.edu.

Internship Zone

The Internship Zone, located on the second floor of the Career Center, provides students with quick access to local, national, and international internship and fellowship information from a variety of industries. Visit one of our nine industry areas to learn more about opportunities in: Business; Arts & Entertainment; Public Service; Science, Engineering, Technology, Math; Teaching Abroad; Volunteering Abroad; International Fellowships; Washington DC and Sacramento Internship Programs; and Pre-professional (pre-law and pre-med) internships.