

Finding an Internship

Internships are a great way to acquire professional experience or even a reference while you are still a student. Whether your internship is paid, unpaid, or for college credit the experience and connections that you make an intern can be invaluable.

Determine which internship is right for you:

- This <u>internship predictor</u> is a great tool to help narrow down the type of internship that is best for you (Note: you do have to create an account, but it is free).
- <u>InternMatch.com</u> also provides a great tool to focus your internship search (Note: you do have to create an account, but it is free).

How to find an internship:

- Your College/University: Talk to your school's Office of Career Services for internships opportunities. If you are applying for a summer internship, it is never too early to get started on the application process.
- <u>Internships.com</u>: is a comprehensive internship search engine. Narrow down opportunities according to your major, field of interest, location and desired company.
- <u>Idealist.org</u>: is a great site for non-profit internships.
- <u>Simplyhired.com</u>: compiles internship listings from many sites and allows you to sort by keyword, industry and location.
- Research Companies which have specific programs for hiring veteran interns. Some of your favorite companies may have veterans initiatives.

Tips to enhance your internship search:

- The sooner you start, the better! Don't wait until the end of the school year to start thinking about summer internships, start early.
- Read the book, <u>All Work, No Pay: Finding an Internship, Building Your Résumé,</u> <u>Making Connections, and Gaining Job Experience</u> by Lauren Berger for a how-to guide on finding an internship, and specifics on résumés and other tools you'll need in the search.
- Use social media thoughtfully. Utilize your LinkedIn Profile and even your Twitter account to start a conversation about job opportunities.
- Check out the article <u>The 10 Best Sites For Finding An Internship</u> from Forbes for ideas on where to look for internships.