



FAQs

1. Should I do an internship?

Some students mistakenly believe internships are only available in business, but this is not the case. Internships are available in almost any field. An internship will provide experience to help you toward your chosen career. If you do not yet know what you want to do, an internship will help you explore options and help you discover what you like.

2. How do I find an internship?

Finding an internship is like finding a job. It takes work, but if you are willing to put forth effort, you can find a good experience. The best place to start is with people you

know. Talk to friends, family, and faculty. Tell them you are looking for an internship; ask if they have suggestions. Consider companies or organizations you think you might want to work with. Find out if they have internship programs. If they don't, call them and ask if they would accept you as an intern. In addition to personal networks, the BYU Career and Counseling services in the Wilkinson Center provides free services to help students explore and apply for internships. The secret is to start looking—you might be surprised at how many opportunities you find.

3. When should I do my internship?

There is no designated time for you to complete an internship. For many students, the summer between junior and senior year is a convenient time to complete a full-time internship, but this is not your only option. Many full-time internships are available year-round. Applying for an internship during the fall or winter might be a better option for some, because there tends to be less competition for the available positions during those semesters. Other students prefer to anticipate in part-time internships, while they are still attending school. Regardless of when you complete your internship, be sure to plan your classes carefully to stay on track for your desired graduation date.

4. Does BYU offer internships?

The Marriott School offers on-campus internship experiences that are completed as part of a three-credit-hour class. As part of the class, you work on a specific project for a designated company. The areas of interest range from business to social entrepreneurship, financial services, real estate development, or translation services.

5. International vs. Domestic internships?

International Internships. The world is becoming increasingly global and, regardless of whether or not you plan on working internationally, an international internship experience will provide you with a unique experience that will set you apart in your chosen career track. Working as an intern in a foreign country, you will gain the perspective and insight into the professional culture of a country, more so than you could ever gain as a visitor or a student. Learn more by following the “International Internship” link on the left menu page.

Domestic Internships. Financial or family obligations may prevent you from relocating for an internship. There are many good opportunities available in Provo and other cities nearby. Talk to friends, family, faculty, and advisors on campus to make sure you find the best fit for you.

6. What is the Washington Seminar?

Students who are interested in working with government or other organizations in Washington, D.C. will want to consider the Washington Seminar a great alternative. This BYU-run program helps place students in internships with organizations of their choice. They also provide affordable housing where interns live and socialize with one another.

7. How will I cover expenses during my internship?

Some internships are paid but many are not. Whenever possible, students should focus on the quality of the experience more than the money—considering the long-term benefits. The right internship now will help your career placement in the future. Accepting an unpaid internship will require additional planning. Consider what expenses you have, then plan how you will cover those expenses while completing your internship. Depending on the internship, a small stipend may be available to help cover some of the cost. Students wanting to travel internationally should consider applying for scholarships or financial aid that can be applied toward their internship.

8. Who can I talk to for more help planning my internship?

Schedule an appointment with an advisor in the Advisement Center, 273 HRCB.

No Events