Find your Public Affairs Internship

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Objectives:
• Why Intern?
• Career Focus Area
• The Internship Hunt
• Resources
Bridge the Gap

Want to spend your time here?

What you want?

What you can get?

But do you feel like you're here?

What you want?

What you can get?
What do these all have in common?

Experiential Education – What is it?

• Internship
• Cooperative Education (Co-op)
• Service Learning
• Student Teaching
• Practicum
• Research
What are the benefits?

- Confirm or redirect career choices
- Improves job opportunities after graduation
- Teach job-search skills, resume writing, interviewing
- “Test drive” your career
- Makes you a better student
- Sometimes they are paid!!
Activity

• Pair Up
• Answer the following question...

What is the most important thing for you have in your career?
What are you passionate about?

What are you good at and like to do?

Do you have a particular sector interest? (government, nonprofit, private)

CAREER FOCUS AREA
• Be PROACTIVE; not REACTIVE
• Who to network with:
  • Career Services Staff
  • Glenn School alumni
  • Faculty
  • Advisors
  • Friends
  • Colleagues
• Get Involved!
• Informational Interviews!

Nobody can do it for you besides you!
The Internship Hunt - The Job search before the job search!

- Research
- Networking
- Actually Applying
Research

- Buckeye Careers Network
  - Best Federal Agencies to work for
  - Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago, etc
- Social Media
- ICMA.org – Local Government
- Idealist.org – Nonprofit
- OANO.org – Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organizations
- Bankrate Cost of Living Calculator
Networking

- LinkedIn
- Career Conversations
- Panels
- Mentors
- Classmates

*Every event is an opportunity to grow your network*
Actually Applying

• **Buckeye Careers Network**

• Ohio Resources
  • [www.careers.ohio.gov](http://www.careers.ohio.gov)
  • [www.oano.org](http://www.oano.org)

• Nationwide Resources
  • [www.idealist.org](http://www.idealist.org)
  • [www.encoure.org](http://www.encoure.org)
  • [www.bridgespan.org](http://www.bridgespan.org)
  • [www.governmentjobs.com](http://www.governmentjobs.com)
  • [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)

• Individual Websites
Let’s explore how to use some of these resources
Earning Credit

- Interning in DC?
- Washington Academic Internship Program!

App Deadlines
- Spring 2016 – 10/12/15
- Summer 2016 – 1/22/16
- Autumn 2016 – 4/4/16

Everywhere Else?
- Offered every semester

Qualifications
- Relevant field to nonprofit
- At least 10 hours per week

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