



How to Find an Internship

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College of Engineering, Architecture & Technology ♦ Career Services

Finding an internship involves the same job search steps as finding a full-time position. There are plenty of internship opportunities available, but you will have to prepare for and pursue them. The basic steps for obtaining an internship are outlined below. You may also wish to review additional Ready References for information on preparing your resume, researching companies, networking, and other topics related to the job search process.

- ❖ Plan ahead. Start looking for an internship at least 6 months in advance.
- ❖ Prepare your resume and have it reviewed by CEAT Career Services
- ❖ Identify your search focus. Do you have geographic restrictions or preferences? What specific areas of industry interest you? What are your long-term career goals?
- ❖ Brainstorm. Develop a list of companies or industry areas that you are interested in learning more about and gaining experience in. Go for your dream companies.
- ❖ Check the OSU HIRE System to see what companies may be interviewing for interns.
- ❖ Consult with CEAT Career Services. There are employer resources in the Resource Room, 102 Engineering North.
- ❖ Check the bulletin boards in your department for internship postings. You will also find postings on the OSU Career Services website, www.hireOSUgrads.com.
- ❖ Visit with your major professors and your advisor to learn where other students have done internships.
- ❖ Read journals related to your major. Explore hidden job opportunities. Which companies are coming out with new products? Who is doing research?
- ❖ Take advantage of your network of contacts.
- ❖ Surf the Web. Check out company sites on the Internet. Most companies offer internships and/or Co-ops.
- ❖ Apply and interview for several internship opportunities.

There are many websites and Internet resources that you may find helpful. In addition to those listed below, be sure to check professional society websites.

Graduating Engineer – <http://www.graduatingengineer.com> -- Provides resources, advice, internship listings, and links to the websites of employers who offer internships.

Internship Programs – <http://www.InternshipPrograms.com>. This site claims to have the largest amount of internship postings. It allows students to conduct a personalized internship search.

Rising Star Internships – <http://www.rsinternships.org>. This site allows students to search through internship opportunities through an alphabetical listing of categories. Several CEAT students have recommended this site.

Career Plan It – <http://www.careerplanit.org> -- This website allows students to explore “employers of the month”, develop and refine resources, as well as perform internship searches.

JobWeb – <http://www.jobweb.org/> -- This site directs students to internship information and listings around the country.

4 Work.com – <http://www.recruitmentresources.com/4work.html> -- This website provides *Job Alert!*, a confidential search agent that screens thousands of jobs to find situations suited to individuals. Get results in two minutes with fresh updates.

Monster Campus – <http://campus.monster.com> -- Allows students to participate in a self-assessment, take a time management quiz, calculate the cost of living for various geographic areas, and search for internships.

Environmental Internships – <http://www.eco.org> -- This site offers access to hundreds of paid environmental internship opportunities.

College Internship Center – <http://www.collegegrad.com/jobs/index.shtml> -- Allows students to sort through numerous internship possibilities by keyword, location, category, date posted, and type of position

Intern Jobs.com – <http://www.internjobs.com> -- This site allows students to search through an internship database and post a resume online.

US Interns – <http://www.usinterns.com> -- Provides access to advice, interviewing tips, and listings of internships.

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