

AFTER YOU APPLY FOR AN INTERNSHIP COMMON QUESTIONS

What happens next?

Securing an internship site can involve a number of different approaches and strategies. The best strategy is one that combines your efforts and ours. We will explore our network of contacts to see if there are opportunities that mesh with your interests. In some cases, we will refer resume to the appropriate organizations and then simply wait to hear if an interview invitation is extended. In other cases, you will be given the names of people within organizations to contact on your own. *Note: We cannot guarantee that you will secure a site for any given semester, or that you will secure exactly the type of work/learning experience you desire. We will do our best, but we can make no guarantees.*

What's your role in the process?

Here are just a few things you can do. 1) Develop a clear sense of what your personal goals are for the internship experience. This lays the groundwork for questions you should ask in an interview and helps in determining which opportunity to select. 2) Be responsive and prompt. Return telephone calls and emails, and follow-up on referrals from us. 3) Keep us informed of any progress (or lack thereof), including any offers received.

Can you look for your own internship?

Absolutely! Every semester, a significant number of students find internship opportunities through their own efforts and contacts. A guiding principle for you is to find an experience that will offer the opportunity to learn something that relates in a significant way to your professional and/or academic goals.

When can you expect to secure an internship site?

Please bear with us, as we seek to give everyone fair and adequate attention. Because of so many factors, timing really varies; some being confirmed as late as the second week of the Fall or Spring semester. Registration for credit can be completed up until that point. For Summer internships, you must be registered by May 1.

How do you register for the upcoming semester?

- 1) Register for classes as you normally would. This will secure your slot in classes should an internship not come through for you (which is rare).
- 2) After securing an internship site, you must completely fill out the Registration for Academic Credit form available in the Internship Center or in the Student section of - www.messiah.edu/internship
- 3) After submitting the Registration for Academic Credit form to the Internship Center, we will send a confirmation letter to your site and notify the Registrar's Office to add the credits to your schedule.
- 4) Philadelphia campus students planning Spring internships must conclude this process by January 15.
- 5) Internship class at Grantham meets Tuesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Are most internships paid?

Approximately 50% of interns receive some form of compensation. Some students may need to curtail their expectations for pay and re-focus on the other benefits of the internship experience.