INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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Program Areas

The UC Davis Career Center works with undergraduate, masters, and Ph.D. students, postdoctoral scholars and recent graduates. The Career Center can help you identify your abilities and interests and relate them to career options; gain access to practical experience to increase your competitiveness in the job market; and find employment. Career Center workshops on finding an internship or part-time job, beginning a job search, developing a resume, networking and preparing for an interview are available on our website and YouTube channel. Each academic year, the Career Center hosts four to six large internship and career fairs which give UC Davis students and alumni the opportunity to connect with employers.

The Career Center is structured to mirror the colleges at UC Davis. The program areas are: Agricultural & Environmental Sciences, Career Recruiting Programs, Engineering & Physical Sciences, Masters, Ph.D.s and Postdoctoral Scholars, Health & Biological Sciences, International Programs, and Liberal Arts & Business.

Internship Experience

An internship (also known as experiential learning) is an experience that is either directly related to your major field of study or your career interest. Internships are an opportunity to develop your skills and knowledge under the supervision of a professional. The Career Center facilitates a campus-wide internship program. All internships, both credit and non-credit, can be taken for Transcript Notation with completion of required evaluation reports submitted through Handshake (https:// ucdavis.joinhandshake.com/login/). The notation briefly describes the nature and location of the internship experience. Questions pertaining to Transcript Notation may be directed to the Career Center.

Experiential Learning; Internships & More!

Gain practical skills that will transfer to the workplace. Apply your coursework. Launch your career! Take advantage of the plethora of experiences available to UC Davis students, including thousands of internships organized through the Career Center. There is literally something for everyone! An internship may be full-time or part-time, credit-bearing or non-credit bearing, voluntary or paid, depending on your skills, needs and interests, as well as the availability of openings. We are continuing to create more paid opportunities through Federal Work-Study and grants. Internship experiences emphasize learning and must be supervised by a professional. Get your approved internship documented on your UC Davis transcript by completing Transcript Notation (TN) (https://icc.ucdavis.edu/find/internships/tn/). Academic credit is awarded for experiences planned and approved in advance by a sponsoring faculty member.

Course Credit

Academic credit is granted through academic departments and graduate groups. The ICC advising staff can assist you in identifying internship opportunities and provide information about academic credit.

Internship courses (092, 192, & 292) are available for credit on a variableunit and Passed/Not Passed (P/NP) grading basis. For most students, a maximum of 12 units of P/NP courses may be counted toward the 180-unit minimum needed for graduation. To qualify for the 192 course, students must have acquired 84 units of credit. All credited internships require approval and sponsorship by a faculty member from an appropriate discipline. Arrangements may be made through the department of the sponsoring faculty member and facilitated by Career Center Staff.

Masters, Ph.D., & Postdoctoral Services

The Career Center provides comprehensive career services for UC Davis Masters and Ph.D. students, and Postdoctoral scholars (MPP). Career advisors can assist you with all aspects of your career search whether your goal is a career in industry, government or academia. Our team realizes these are complex decisions. Our career services include confidential one-to-one advising with an individualized review of curriculum vitae (CV), resumes, and cover letters; workshops and panel discussions; recruiting and networking events; and employer information sessions, all specifically designed for advanced degree holders.

Student Employment

Student Employment, the term generally used for student jobs at UC Davis, is a great way for students to develop skills, apply coursework and build a professional network while earning money. Data shows that working up to 12 hours/week while in college correlates to higher academic performance.

Student jobs at UC Davis offer many advantages. Most on-campus student jobs are very flexible and work around student schedules and...the commute is tough to beat!

The Career Center provides students easy access to paid, part-time opportunities (on and off campus) as well as internship and career opportunities via Handshake (https://icc.ucdavis.edu/find/resources/handshake/).