

Entrepreneurship Intern Program Guidelines
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Internship Objectives

The purpose of the entrepreneurship intern program is to provide student interns with an opportunity to: develop professionally, acquire real-world entrepreneurial experiences, and apply classroom learning to the workplace.

Intern Qualifications

- Entrepreneurship Major
- Junior Standing (80+ semester hours)
- Completion of Required Courses
 - BCEN 1400 Introduction to Business
 - BCEN 2900, Entrepreneurship

Employing Company Criteria

- Must be a business that is entrepreneurial in nature
- Must complete an Employer Data Sheet
- Provide significant work that will enhance the intern's professional and educational development
- Submit a general description of the internship position, and indicate if the assignment is a paid or unpaid internship
- Provide the intern the opportunity to work a minimum of 225 hours
- Must be approved by the Internship Coordinator

Academic Requirements

The student intern agrees to:

- Complete an internship application
- Meet with Internship Coordinator as requested
- Work a minimum of 225 hours for 3 hours of college credit
- Work in a company approved by the Internship Coordinator
- Perform in a professional manner and comply with employing company's regulations and policies
- Maintain employing company's confidentialities
- Ask employer to complete the employer evaluation form provided by the Internship Coordinator and to fax the form to (615) 898-5438 by designated due date
- Submit an Internship Portfolio by designated due date

- Entrepreneur Interview—A typewritten summary of an interview with the employer. Interview questions will be provided by the Internship Coordinator.
- Reflective Paper—A final paper, minimum of two typewritten, double-spaced pages, written as a retrospective of the internship experience.
- Company Literature—Promotional/information brochures, etc. from the employing company.
- Daily Journal—Daily journal entries of internship activities and hours worked. Journal entries should be approximately five to ten sentences and can be used to compose the reflective paper.

Employing Company's Responsibilities

The company employing the student intern agrees to:

- Provide a safe, nurturing and challenging work environment
- Provide the student intern the opportunity to work a minimum of 225 hours
- Provide adequate supervision of student intern
- Submit to the Internship Coordinator a general description of internship position and indicate if the assignment is a paid or unpaid internship
- Communicate with Internship Coordinator
- Submit student intern evaluation to Internship Coordinator by designated due date

Internship Coordinator's Responsibilities

The faculty member serving as the Internship Coordinator will:

- Approve student internship application
- Discuss internship guidelines with student intern
- Approve employing company
- Communicate with employing company
- Conduct a mid-term and final evaluation of student intern
- Evaluate the student intern's portfolio
- Submit student intern's final grade

Evaluation Process

- Mid-term evaluation (employing company provides Internship Coordinator an informal, verbal evaluation of intern's progress)
- Portfolio (submitted by intern to Internship Coordinator)
- Final evaluation (employing company completes the Employer Evaluation of Intern form and faxes to 615-898-5438)
- Internship Coordinator submits intern's final grade