

BENEFITS OF INTERNSHIPS

- Internships can help encourage local graduates to stay in the area. An internship can significantly influence an intern's perspective of the surrounding community. This decreases the chances of valuable talent leaving the area and provides a positive impact on the local economy.
- Internship helps to connect the university to the community. Often there is a disconnect between the local university and the business community. When interns act as a bridge between the two, and help to create a channel to ensure that the university is being responsive to the needs of the community.
- Network opportunities are established through internship through the collaborative efforts between the university and the business community, which in turn strengthens the local economic development initiatives.
- Internships play a vital role in creating partnerships and research opportunities by supporting an essential local issue or project. By assigning interns to these types of projects, the university provides the community with resources, time, and inventiveness.
- Internships benefit employers because students provide new perspectives to old problems. Because students are currently being educated they are receiving cutting edge training.
- The visibility of a community organization or business is increased on campus, and it is a proven, cost-effective way to recruit future employees.
- The image of an organization or business is enhanced in the community as they contribute their expertise to the educational experience of our students.