

# Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

## **1. What is an internship?**

An internship is a real-world working experience, supervised by a professional, where you learn more about a career



- The department has an extensive list of sites where our students have previously interned, and additional listings are available through Career Services.
- The department's Internship Coordinator receives information about new internship sites on a regular basis, which are passed on to students and their faculty advisors.
- Students find new sites all the time. The Internship Coordinator will work with you if a site is suitable and meets the university's criteria.
- Online resources include the Career Center's Handshake listing, which has sites all over the state and even the country, as well as sites like Indeed.com.

### **7. Can I get paid for my internship experience?**

Yes, but that is totally up to the site. Some sites offer a small stipend or hourly wage, some don't. It makes no difference to your internship status with WSU.

### **8. Are there assignments?**

Each Faculty Sponsor will have their own requirements. However, all interns must submit the following documents to their Faculty Sponsor:

- Internship Contract to your sponsor (by the end of the first two weeks of work)
- Intern's midterm report
- Site Supervisor's midterm report
- Intern's final report
- Site Supervisor's final report
- A Site Report

### **9. How will I be graded?**

The Internship Coordinator will assign you a Faculty Sponsor during the first week of your internship, and that person will award your final letter grade. The grade will be determined by the site supervisor's evaluation, your progress in achieving your learning objectives, and success in completing additional work (such as a bi-weekly log) as assigned by your sponsor.

### **10. That all sounds great. How do I get started?**

**Step One:** Talk to your advisor about whether (and when) it makes sense for you to do an internship. You may also want to speak with the department's Internship Coordinator about the internship program.

**Step Two:** Fill out an application, which you can get [here](#).  
[http://www.wsu.edu/~internship](#)

You should register for a full course load even if you are planning to do an internship. Once you have secured an internship, the Internship Coordinator will register you for internship credits and have you withdraw for O92614 (Internship)-apTjprate cl1 Tes. Tc -63824.015Tj-4St

**Step Three:** The Communication faculty meets to approve applicants on a rolling basis. Our goal is to give you an approval or rejection within one week of your application being posted.