

Internships: Exploring the Options & Optimizing Resources With Your Student

Career and Professional Development

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Our Vision

To empower Panthers to navigate a meaningful and productive transition from the classroom to their career journeys and beyond.



TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- Importance of Experiential Learning and Internships
- Searching for Internships
- Applying for Internships
- Pursuing Academic Credit for Internships

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

By the Numbers

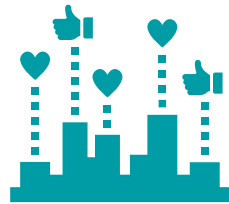
Nearly all Chapman students **94.8%*** participate in some form of **experiential learning** during their time at Chapman.



volunteering



research



internships



shadowing



jobs



practicum



An overwhelming majority (**79.6%**) intern.

800 + students earn academic credit for their internships every year.

*Based on Class of 2023 Career Outcomes Data



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CRITICAL.

(ACTUALLY)
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IMPORTANCE OF INTERNSHIPS

Did you know?

- ✓ About **60%** of internships result in full-time job offers
- ✓ *Paid and unpaid interns receive **more job offers** than non-interns, and are more likely to receive **higher starting salaries***
- ✓ Internships are a great way to explore, experience and **refine** what career to pursue after graduation
- ✓ Internships help **build tangible skills** for your resume

Source: National Association of Colleges and Employers Student Survey

SEARCH

SEARCHING FOR INTERNSHIPS

Online

- ✓ ***Handshake***
- ✓ Company job boards
- ✓ Online job boards
- ✓ Visit chapman.edu/career
→ job boards → jobs and internships



Events

- ✓ Career Fairs
- ✓ Networking Nights
- ✓ Company Information and Recruiting Sessions

Network

- ✓ Personal
- ✓ Professional
 - Former employers
 - Coworkers
 - Association members
- ✓ Chapman
 - Faculty
 - Alumni
 - Fellow students



Top Employers 2025



Thank you for Thinking Chapman First



Chapman.edu/topemployers

SPRING CAREER FAIR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12 | 11 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Connect with recruiters. | Discover career paths. | Explore job options.



REGISTER TODAY



APPLYING

APPLYING FOR AN INTERNSHIP

Things you'll need:

- ✓ Resume
- ✓ Cover letter
- ✓ LinkedIn
- ✓ Interview Skills



VISIT [CHAPMAN.JOINHANDSHAKE.COM](https://chapman.joinhandshake.com) TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

ACADEMIC CREDIT

ACADEMIC CREDIT: OVERVIEW

- ✓ **79.6%*** of students intern during their time at Chapman.
- ✓ Every year, Chapman students register **1,000+** internships for academic credit with **hundreds** of unique companies across nearly every industry.
- ✓ Together, these students gain **hundreds of thousands** of hours of real-world experience.

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Students of all majors can get up to 12 credits that fit the needs of various lower and upper division academic requirements...50+ courses exist!

ACADEMIC CREDIT : 4 STEP PROCESS

1. Find and **secure** an internship
2. Select an appropriate course and **faculty internship advisor** for the course
3. Complete **Internship Portal** registration process
4. Intern!

HERE TO HELP

Ask Chapman's internship coordinator for support along the way

Visit [Chapman.edu/internships](https://chapman.edu/internships) for more information



TIP: [Check out our internship portal how-to video online!](#)

TAKEAWAYS

INTERNSHIPS ARE A PRIORITY: HOW TO TALK ABOUT INTERNSHIPS WITH YOUR STUDENT

- **It's not a matter of if you do an internship...It's a matter of when you'll do an internship.**
- **And, you're encouraged to try more than one internship to learn what you (do and don't) like and build new skills!**

SEARCH + APPLY: TIPS TO SHARE WITH YOUR STUDENT

- **Utilize Handshake, and mark your calendars for the Spring Career Fair on March 12.**
- **We will help you apply confidently. Visit us by making an appointment via Handshake!**

EARN ACADEMIC CREDIT: REMINDERS FOR YOUR STUDENT

- **Consider internships as a part of your academic plan.**
- **Keep aware of deadlines and credits!**
- **Visit chapman.edu/internships to review internship registration details and requirements.**

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