

## Why Do An Internship?

- ✓ Give yourself the opportunity to gain professional experience and learn more about your major in an organization or company of interest.
- ✓ Translate concepts and theories used in the classroom to a specific career field.
- ✓ Evaluate a career field in which you are interested and determine which specialized area within your field most appeals to you.
- ✓ Strengthen and gain new skills, both practical skills related to your specific major, as well as communication, leadership and other transferable skills.
- ✓ Develop your professional identity; gain a sense of yourself as a professional in your field.
- ✓ Increase your professional contacts while building your resume with relevant experience.
- ✓ Increase your confidence and gain a competitive edge for on-campus recruiting, job fairs and the after graduation job search.
- ✓ Learn more about possible employers for after graduation positions.
- ✓ Identify a mentor and establish professional references for after graduation employment options

## Did You Know?

- Employers utilize internships as a tool for finding excellent candidates to hire for after graduation positions. Over 70% of employers nation-wide utilize internships to find the best students to hire after graduation. (NACE)
- Over 60% of college students nationally will have completed one or more internships before graduation? (NACE)
- You can complete multiple internships before you graduate. Some students participate in two or three internships before graduation.
- Internships can be done for credit through most academic departments on campus. Contact your faculty for more information about credit-bearing internships.
- You can also complete a non-credit internship for career experience. Resources are available through Career Services for your portfolio development including resume and cover letter preparation and internship search.