

TOP 5 REASONS TO INTERN

Internships are opportunities to provide practical work experience and develop skills within a desired occupation or profession. Internships have a lot of the same qualities as your typical job, and there is a lot that makes them unique.

Gain experience

Experience is incredibly valuable in the real world. Studying a subject and practicing one are two completely different things. Average starting salary of students with internships is higher than those without.

Improve your skill sets

Many skills are best learned while on the job. This includes soft skills like communication, having a positive attitude, and working well in a team. Internships give you a chance to prove yourself and excel through practice at improving such skills.

Get insight

Maybe you are not sure in which direction you want to go for your career. An internship gives you a chance to test a field before committing to a position.

Expand your network

People you work with will likely serve as references for future job applications. Most jobs require professional references.

Future possibilities

When you intern, you have your foot in the door and are no longer just a name on a resume. Many companies use their interns as their main hiring pool.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

Internships | Students Work

www.dws.state.nm.us/internships

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www.NMCareerSolutions.com



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Internships | Students Work is the central online hub linking students and job seekers to employers offering career experience opportunities, including **internships**.



Create an account on the website and you will be able to:

REGISTER



- Save your search preferences
- Customize your internship search feed
- Save internships you are interested in
- Apply to internships
- Create an online resume
- Make yourself more accessible to employers

Your username and password can be used in our partner sites, New Mexico Career Solutions (www.NMCareerSolutions.com) and the New Mexico Workforce Connection Online System (www.jobs.state.nm.us).



Make it *EASIER* for employers to find *YOU*

Once you save your resume in your account (using the Resume Builder tool), employers can contact you if they think you are a good match.



Additional information is available on the **Internships | Students Work** website at:

www.dws.state.nm.us/internships

HOW TO FIND OPPORTUNITIES

Any **Browse Opportunities** button on the site will give you the ability to search for internships based on the keywords and geographic area you choose in the right hand menu.

BROWSE OPPORTUNITIES →

Visit **Internships | Students Work** to find more tips for getting the most out of your internship experience!

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Before you apply for an internship, determine if you have the budget to take a paid or unpaid internship. Important costs to consider include transportation, food, professional attire, and possible housing.

FAST FACTS

- 7 in 10 interns have a chance of being hired by the company they interned with.

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- 60% of employers said they prefer hiring applicants with at least 1 internship under their belt.

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- 56.5% of students who performed an internship/co-op received at least 1 job offer as compared to 36.5% of those with no internship/co-op experience.

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