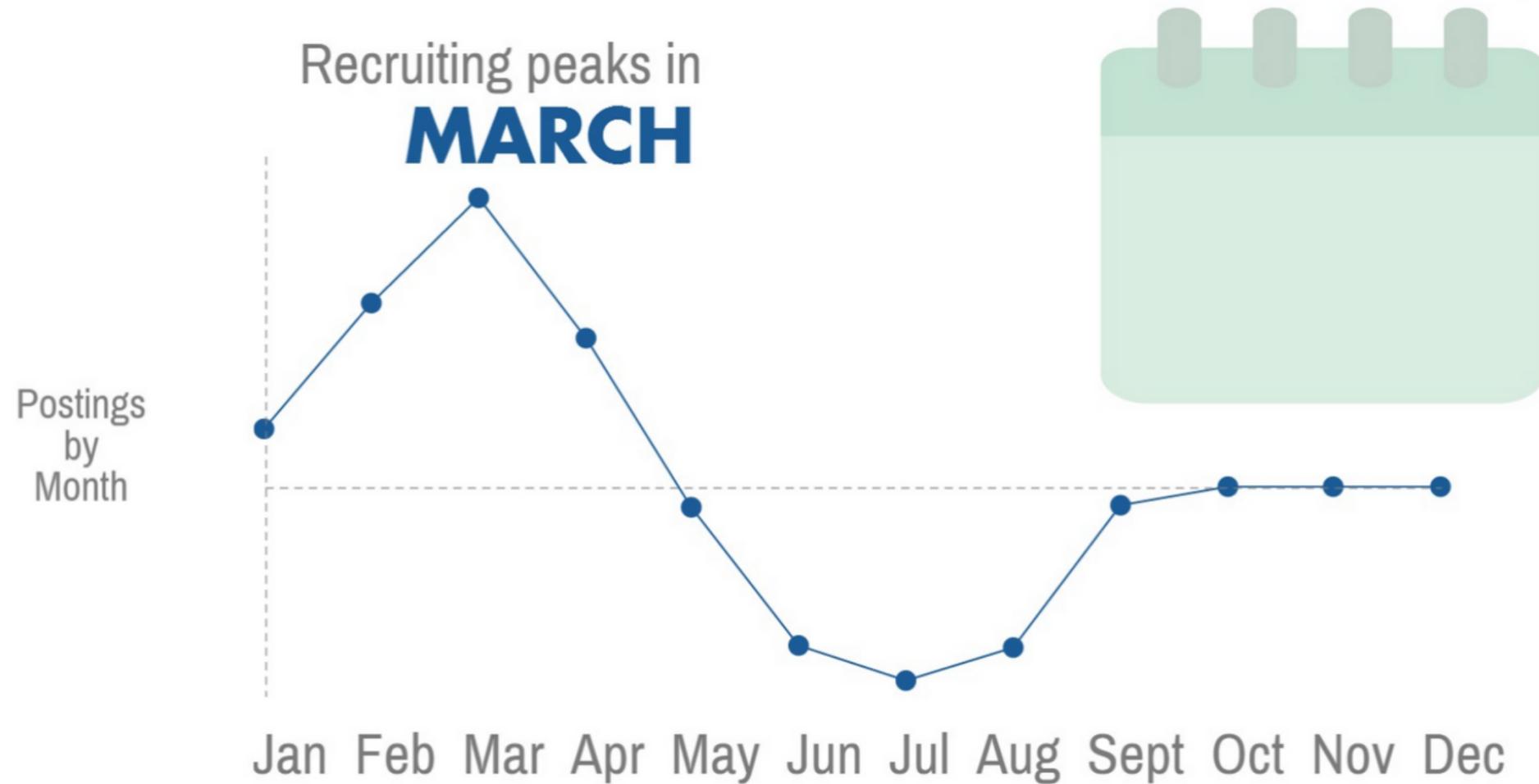


Finding a Summer Internship



Timeline.....

NARROW SEASON FOR INTERNSHIP RECRUITMENT



Contents:



- **Why Skills Matter**
- **Resume Basics**
- **Resume Pro-Tips**
- **Project Managing the Search**
- **Value of Networking**
- **Virtual Options**

The Importance of Skills and Keywords

Why should I focus on skills-based keywords?

Hiring managers often rely on software to select the best candidates by scanning for keywords in resumes, cover letters and even LinkedIn profiles.

If your materials lack the keywords they're looking for, you may get overlooked.

250

The average corporate job gets 250 applications

98%

98% of Fortune 500 companies use applicant tracking systems that scan for keywords.

30%

Only 30% of job applications are read!

Inventory Your Skills

You have the skills and experiences that will get you to the next step. Make the time to step back and inventory how you can add value to an employer.

Identifying the relevant skills and experiences you bring to the job/internship market should help you launch your search with more confidence and a better sense of your value.

This inventory should include hard skills (like database management), durable skills (like collaboration), and technology skills (like Adobe Photoshop).



+ Be Prepared to UpSkill

The economy and workforce has changed overnight and some industries are experiencing a decline while others are growing exponentially. It's important to track the skills and functions that the market needs right now!

Upskilling might be as simple as investing an hour to "try out" a new digital tool - like Canva - or check out a LinkedIn Learning course.

You DON'T have to be an expert to add a skill to your resume. You just have to be ready to learn!



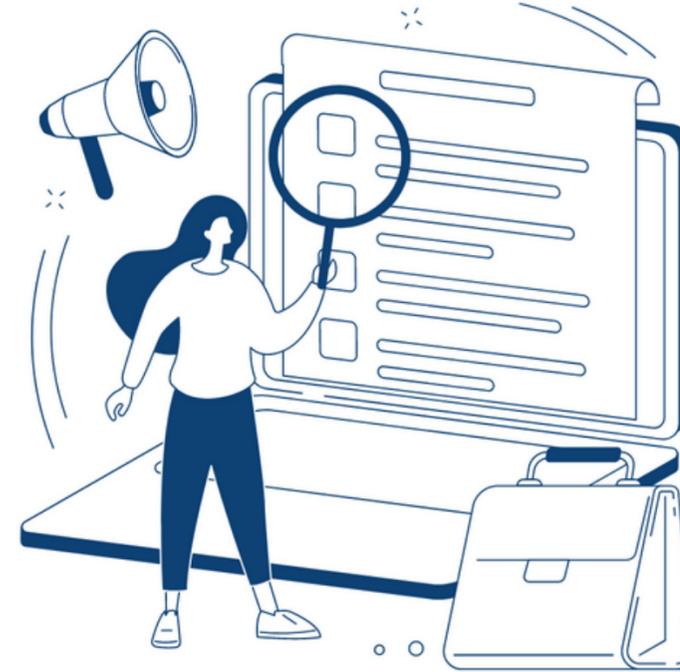
Where Do Skills Fit?

Skills in the Experience section

EXPERIENCE

Marketing and Events Intern

DePaul University Career Center | Chicago, IL



- Collaborate with five team members and the DePaul Career Education team to coordinate and **host networking events** for students and alumni
- Plan and participate in weekly project management meetings in order to effectively organize events and reach project goals; **design event assessments**
- Creating **marketing strategy** to promote Career Center programs to students in order to encourage student use of professional development resources
- **Design and create social media** and blog posts; **monitor social media analytics**

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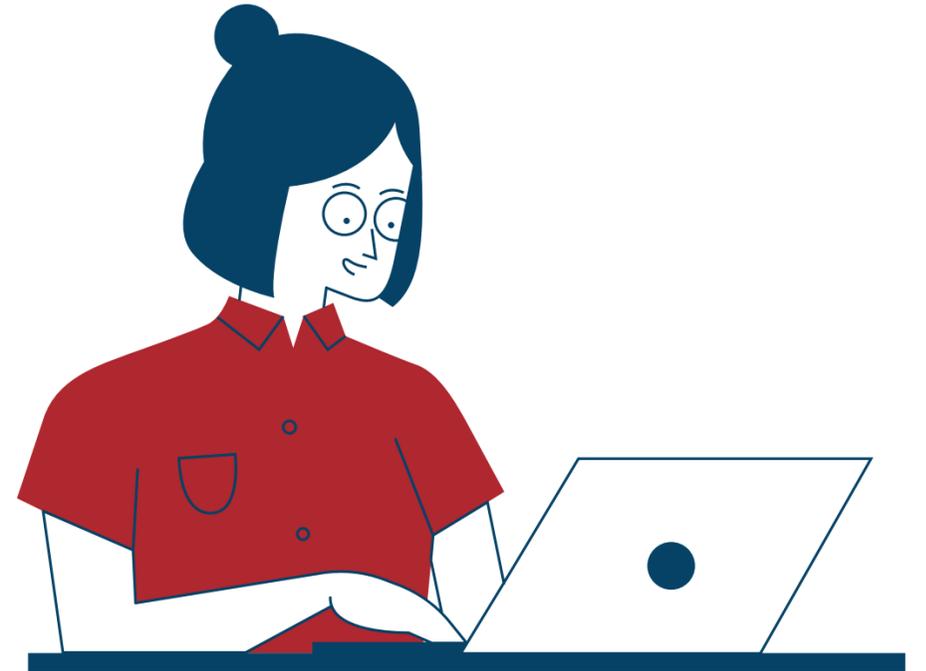
Skills in the Technology section

TECHNOLOGY

- Adobe Creative Suite (Acrobat, Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator)
- Social Media Tools: Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, TikTok
- Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, Outlook, PowerPoint)
- Google Suite (Docs, Sheets, Slides, Forms)
- Asana



The Importance of Immediacy

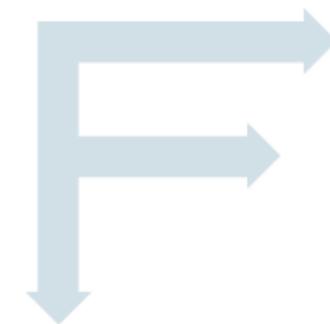


The design of your resume is a big factor in the reader's experience and comprehension.

You can labor over word choice and accomplishments to include, but unless you have considered the design of your resume, you risk the reader skipping over the most important content.

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On average, recruiters spend only **six seconds** reviewing a resume.



People read screens in an **F-shaped pattern** that consists of two horizontal stripes followed by a vertical stripe.

Your goal for the resume is to make it easy for the reader to scan VERY quickly for the most relevant and important experience and skills.

Use formatting— boldface, type scale, strategic use of white space—to make key information easy to find.

Showcase

Be sure your job title stands out and clearly describes your role.

White Space

Use white space to create chunks that ease density and help the reader skim vertically.

Relevant Examples

You can include class projects in your experience section. Format it like a job description.

Formatting

Use white space and formatting techniques like **bold**, *italics* and columns—make it easy to zero in on specific information for busy readers.

LAVONN POWELL
555-227-9841 | lpowell@email.com | lpowell

EDUCATION | **BA, Philosophy** | DePaul University | 2020
Minor in Economics | 3.75 G.P.A.
Relevant Coursework: Digital Communications, Marketing, Writing for Social Change

EXPERIENCE | **Data and Design Intern** | Dallas Herald News | 2019

- Collaborate with reporters, editors, and photographers to produce products on deadline to help explain and visualize breaking news stories.
- Conceptualize and build stand alone and complementary data v interactive graphics, and story presentations using HTML, CSS, a JavaScript/JQuery

Community Health Researcher | Active Citizens | 2018

- Designed a health awareness survey and collected 200 response Pilsen community.
- Surveyed data from the City of Chicago, collecting demographic policy information
- Created data visualization that illustrated the disparity between community health awareness and access to medical services

PROJECTS | **Press Release and Media Kit** | Lola LPC. | 2018

- Wrote and edited a press release announcing a new infant appare line directed at millennial parents.
- Produced media kit promoting launch event. Contents included pr photos, bio of founders, and company profile.

TECHNOLOGY

- Google Suite (Forms, Docs, Sheets, Slides)
- Microsoft Office (Outlook, Excel, Word, PowerPoint)
- Adobe Acrobat and Photoshop
- SPSS

SKILLS

- Writing/Editing
- Project Management
- Data Visualization
- Research
- Photo Editing
- Presentation
- Transcription
- Web Design

Pro-Tip #1:

Featuring Projects on Your Resume

Research projects demonstrate your skills in data analysis, problem-solving, and attention-to-detail.

Volunteer projects are a great way to showcase skills and the social or community issues that are meaningful to you.

Creative projects demonstrate your ability to create design and content relevant to a wide variety of careers.

Technology and design projects showcase your knowledge of software and other tools.

FORMATTING PROJECTS ON A RESUME



Many of your most valuable skills have been honed in a wide variety of non-job or internship experiences - including volunteer experiences, class assignments, service-learning, personal projects, student involvement, or even just as part of a hobby!

In order to fully capture your skills on a resume, you will want to feature these experiences in your resume in a way that shows their true value. Below are some samples that should help you:

RESEARCH PROJECTS

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"Alternatives to Incarceration" | policy paper January 2020

- Collected data regarding recidivism rates for incarcerated males and females in European and US state prisons, with a special focus on Belgium.
- Analyzed and compared average prison time - as it related to the rates of repeat offenders.
- Surveyed legal statutes regarding mandatory minimum sentencing.
- Profiled several new initiatives in the US focused on Prisoner Education and drafted summary.

This is an actual DePaul course offered by Service-Learning.

Community Health in Pilsen | Active Citizens Spring 2020

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Fall 2019 Run-a-thon for Life | Make a Miracle Foundation Fall 2019

- Provided day-of event support for a community fundraiser that had 1,200 participants.
- Collaborated with events committee to create social media posts promoting the event and its five corporate sponsors.
- Designed flyer that was distributed to college campuses and local businesses.

EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS

"Alternatives to Incarceration" | policy paper

January 2020

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"Staycation" | social media campaign

March 2020

- Created Instagram and TikTok campaign promoting safe social distancing practices for GenZ college students in Chicago.
- Wrote copy and produced video content focused on inspiring followers to post their own shelter-in-place workouts and playlists under the hashtag "staychicago."
- Cultivated 300 followers on Instagram in one month and had 700 retweets of a single post.

"Otters and Their Habitats" | 90 second animation | Shedd Aquarium

October 2019

- Animated educational video that introduces aquarium visitors to the native habitat of Pacific Sea Otters as well as the dangers climate change poses to their survival.
- Designed script-driven storyboards and edited audio track to align with motion graphics.

Pro-Tip #2:

USING A FUNCTIONAL RESUME

Writing your resume is not a one-size-fits-all proposition. There are several different types of resumes to choose from to fit your story to the target industry, position, and your specific circumstance.

Functional resumes organize different types of experiences according to skill-based experience sections, which provides you the ability to highlight the most relevant experience at the top of the resume.

FILM PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE

B - Camera Operator | Tiger Queen | 3 minute
Production Company: LegoTrend

Producer and Editor | Honeywell Media

- Digital media file management (logging/transfer)
- Create and edit digital storyboards from a script

Caffer (Instagram Ad) | DinoBarbie - Birthday
Production Company: Manhattan Toy Association

MARKETING EXPERIENCE

Event and Marketing Intern | Patina | Minneapolis
Protokulture

Pro-Tip #3:

RESUME SUMMARY

A resume summary, usually placed at the top of the document, introduces your major qualifications and alignment with the role.

While optional, the resume summary can help establish an immediate claim about your skills and help the reader see your experience in context.

Name Name

Email@gmail.com | 612-555-1212 | LinkedIn: namename

Cinematographer, videographer, storyboard artist, producer, and editor with experience in feature film, documentary filmmaking, political media, and commercial advertising.

Summaries highlight the most relevant skills for the job, and often feature a claim about your interests or passions.

Emerging events and public relations professional with a passion for creating community and engaging diverse audiences in meaningful experiences.

Mental health professional passionate about impacting the lives of culturally-diverse communities via compassion and a commitment to high-impact professional development.

Where Do Skills Fit?

Skills in the Resume Summary

Emerging PR professional with skills in **copywriting, social media strategy, and analytics.** Experience with **content creation, video editing, and online community management.**



Using a Search Spreadsheet

Creating a spreadsheet (with the tabs below) can help you organize your resources, connections, and jobs.

- Jobs
- Skill Training
- Webinars
- Networking Targets
- Professional Organizations
- Articles
- Resources

See our "Organizing Your Internship and Job Search" handout for more tips!



ORGANIZING YOUR INTERNSHIP & JOB SEARCH

Landing that job or internship can be a numbers game. You'll want to take an organized approach to keep track of all the details—here's how.

It's a good job search strategy to identify and apply for as many relevant opportunities as you can. The reason? Pretty obvious—the more you can apply for, the better your chances of getting an interview. And the experience of pursuing multiple opportunities builds valuable research, project management, application and interviewing skills. Not a bad thing!

It's a process Identifying opportunities, assembling your materials and submitting your applications is a process that takes time, and requires an organized, step-by-step approach.

- 1 DO YOUR RESEARCH**
Search the web for opportunities. Use this as a chance to become informed on typical titles, common keywords, requirements and desired skills.
- 2 CONNECT!**
Reach out and network with people and professionals who can provide insights on career paths and opportunities in your area—or areas—of interest.
- 3 TAILOR YOUR DOCUMENTS**
Create and customize your application documents for each position. Highlight the mix of skills, experience and passions that make you, you.
- 4 APPLY!**
Apply to any and all opportunities that appeal to you. Managing multiple applications and positions is a challenge—stay organized!

Interest Level

Rating your level of interest will help you prioritize your applications.

Deadline

Most job postings have a rolling deadline, so it's to your benefit to apply sooner rather than later!

Status

In this area, you can track date submitted as well as any progress towards an offer.

Interest Level	Job Title	Employer	Posting Date	Deadline	Status	Link	Type of Role

Posting Date

Jobs that have been posted for a long time have a higher chance of closing or being already filled, so this date will help you decide which applications to work on first.

Link

While you might find a role on a jobs platform, when possible, it's a good idea to apply on the employer's website.

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LABELING!

Remember, the "Type of Role" we referenced earlier?

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You will save a **LOT** of time by labeling each opportunity carefully in your search spreadsheet so you can easily adapt a previous resume or cover letter that matches the new role you're applying to.

policy research

community outreach

fundraising and events

data and policy research

community outreach

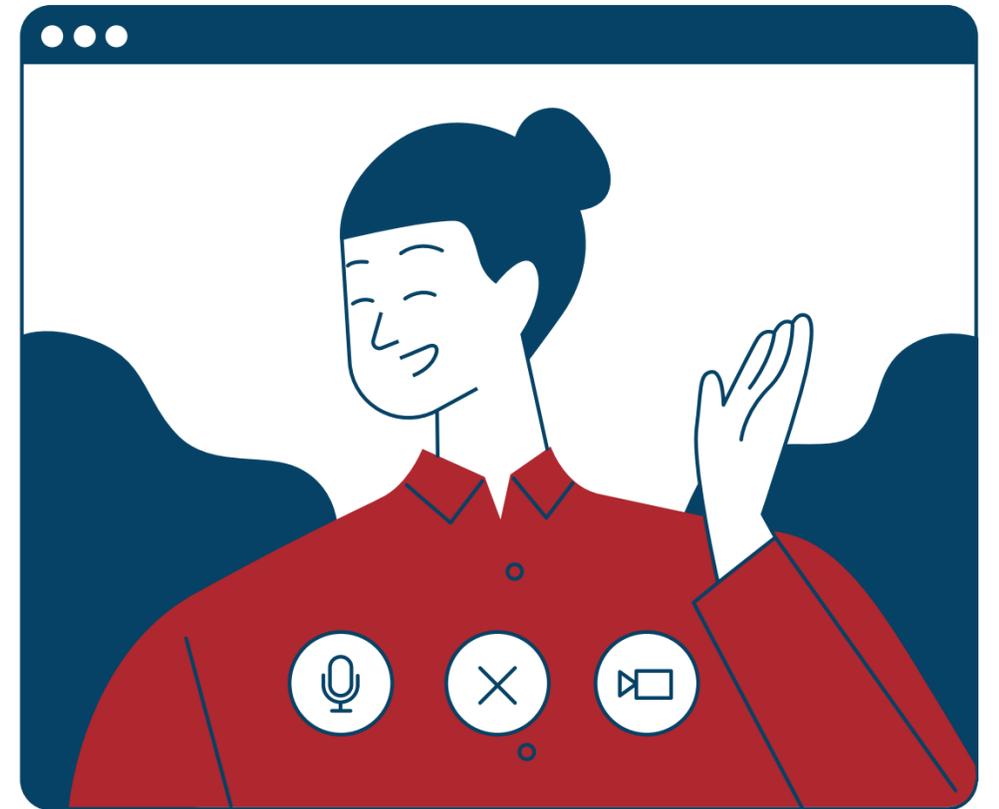


Network into the Fields that Interest You

It's never been more important to build your network. Making the time to connect with professionals in the fields and roles you are targeting will be essential for a successful job search.

Keep in mind that we're all going through this disruption together. When you message someone on LinkedIn or via the Alumni Sharing Knowledge (ASK) platform, start with empathy and concern for where they might be at this moment.

Also, have a specific goal for any connection - an informational interview, seeking a mentor, learning more about trends, etc.



Informational Interview Tips

INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEWS

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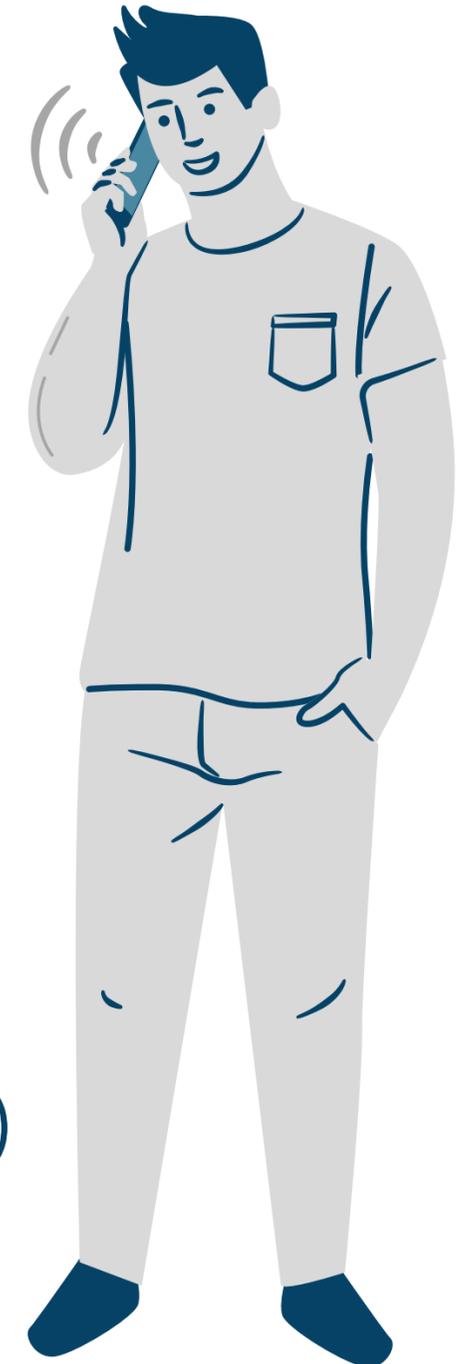
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They offer the opportunity for you to talk with professionals about their career path, profession, organization, and industry. These conversations can take place in-person, via phone, Zoom, or Google Hangout.

Places to Look

- LinkedIn
- Alumni Sharing Knowledge (ASK)
- Family/Friends
- Professional Orgs



WHY CONSIDER SEEKING A VIRTUAL INTERNSHIP?

Remote internships mean that you can work with companies across the country or globe to support a myriad of projects ranging from basic social media support to full business projects, website designs, market reports, financial assessments, usability testing code, and much much more.



YOU CAN WORK ANYWHERE!

Full-Time • Internship

NPS Climate Change Communication Graphic Design or Videography Intern

 George Mason University - Center for Climate Change Communication
Washington, DC

About the role

Application deadline	Posted date	Seasonal role
January 15, 2021 10:25 PM	September 25, 2020	(6/1/21 - 8/6/21)
Remote	US work authorization	
Remote workers allowed	Will sponsor a work visa and accepts OPT/CPT	

Washington, D.C.!

Full-Time • Internship

Epic Games Programming Internships

 Epic Games
Cary, NC

About the role

Application deadline	Posted date	Seasonal role
November 6, 2020 4:00 PM	September 9, 2020	(5/24/21 - 8/27/21)
Remote	US work authorization	
Remote workers allowed	Not required	

 [Apply Externally](#)

Cary, NC!

Fresh

Full-Time • Internship

Intern - Copywriting Intern - Marketing & Product Management - Summer 2021

 Lumen
United States

About the role

Application deadline	Posted date	Seasonal role
November 1, 2020 1:55 AM	October 8, 2020	(6/1/21 - 8/13/21)
Remote	US work authorization	
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Colorado!

HOW ARE VIRTUAL INTERNSHIPS DIFFERENT?

Virtual internships require much stronger project management and communication skills than traditional internships.

It can also be challenging to get feedback, build meaningful relationships with peers and colleagues, and project professionalism.

Check out this handout for tips!



 COVID-19 Resources 

MAKE THE MOST OF A REMOTE INTERNSHIP

Thanks to advanced technology—and a pandemic—the number and percentage of virtual internships have exploded. That doesn't mean your experience is any less valuable.



The pandemic has transformed the future of work, and there is a good chance more work than ever will be remote. If this is the case, your remote internship is more than an opportunity to gain valuable experience in your chosen field. It's a chance to develop the virtual work skills you'll need to excel in your career after graduation.

Here's how to make the most of your remote internship:

 **SET REGULAR HOURS.**

Internships have always been about tasks or projects. With a remote internship, when you work on these tasks can become less important. That said, it's best to set a schedule for work hours and communicate those hours to your employer. This discipline is key to any remote work, and it will help ensure that you meet all deadlines and are easy to reach when needed.

 **SEEK AND DEVELOP MENTORS.**

Mentors are a valuable part of any internship. Consider requesting a regular video meeting with your manager. Suggest 15-minute phone conversations with people in other functions to learn about what they do and, where appropriate, stay in contact via email. Connections matter now more than ever.

WHERE TO SEARCH FOR VIRTUAL INTERNSHIPS

- Handshake
- LinkedIn
- Flexjobs
- Idealist
- Indeed.com
- Remote.co
- Skip the Drive
- Working Nomads



*Use the keyword (or filter by) “Remote” when searching opportunities on any general job board.

CAN I GET PAID FOR A VIRTUAL INTERNSHIP?



The short answer is "yes!"

That being said, you might find an unpaid opportunity that strikes your fancy (full or part-time). Be aware that there are ways to seek external funding for meaningful unpaid internships. Check out this quick list here!

- DePaul Career Center's [InternshipPlus Award](#) (does not require credit)
- DePaul College of [Liberal Arts CPBL Scholarship](#) (does require credit)
- [T. Howard Foundation](#) (supporting diversity in media; places interns)
- [Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowship](#) (for graduating seniors)

WATCH OUT FOR PAY-TO-PLAY OPPORTUNITIES!

More and more fee-based internship programs are popping up all over the internet. In general, these programs "place" students with employers but they are almost always unpaid and VERY expensive.

\$3,440

Guaranteed Remote Internship Placement

in a pre-approved online internship of your choice

A Personal Career Coach

a Career Coach to support you for the duration of your Remote Internships Program

Interview Preparation Coaching Session

personalized training to prepare for your interviews

LinkedIn & Resume Optimization Session

ensure your resume and LinkedIn profile are optimized

Post-Remote-Internship Coaching Session

plan the next steps in your career and update your professional profiles

12 Months of Online Business Skills Training

Over 15,000 online classes and courses powered by SkillShare

Custom Curated Courses & Learning Paths

curated learning paths based on your career goals

\$800 Acceptance Fee

The acceptance fee is due at least 6 weeks prior to your chosen start date and confirms your participation on the program. As soon as the acceptance fee is received Virtual Internships will begin looking for your guaranteed host company placement to be confirmed 1-5 weeks prior to start date.

\$795 Final Payment

Upon formally accepting your host company placement the final payment for the program will be due within seven days.

CAREER LIBRARY



The DePaul Career Center recently created a library of 50+ handouts and 14 two-minute videos focused on every career readiness topic, ranging from resume basics to exploration to building your brand!

INTERNSHIPS 101

Internships are career catalysts. More and more employers today look for internship experience on resumes they review. There's a reason for that—internships can provide numerous benefits that make you a stronger candidate.

In addition to their impact on career outcomes, internships are an excellent way to explore pathways and make choices about the kind of career you want!

Let's review some internship basics.

Real-world Experience

All internships—paid and unpaid, full-time and part-time, position-based and project-based (the latter can be called a micro internship)—provide a means to develop skills, gain experience and explore career paths in your field of choice.

Network Building

The people you meet and work with in an internship can become the most valuable of professional contacts—they know you. If you stay in touch, these people can be sources of information, insights and opportunities long after your internship is complete.

Resume Building

Having one or more internships on your resume is a big plus, representing not just a highly relevant real-world credential, but also showing you are an individual with the initiative and drive to land an internship.

"Recent graduates who had a relevant job or internship while in school were more than twice as likely to acquire a good job immediately after graduation." —Gallup

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GRADUATE SCHOOL 101

In many fields, earning a graduate degree or certificate is a benefit and competitive advantage. In some, it's necessary for advancement.

Getting accepted into your preferred program requires research, differentiation and extreme project management skills. Here are some tips:

Selecting the right institution and program

Chances are, you'll want to apply to multiple programs to maximize your options. What are the right ones? There are a number of factors to consider.

- 1 Faculty** Your relationship with faculty will be a huge factor in the educational experience. Learn the names, departmental positions and academic credentials of the professor or professors you'd be working with.
- 2 Resources** Research can require significant out-of-pocket costs. Find out if there are resources available at the institution that can reduce these costs.
- 3 Community/Location** Take a look at the on-campus and off-campus communities. Is the on-campus culture—faculty access, social life, etc.—what you're looking for? Does the local area have the amenities you want and need? Is it in a city or a small college town? Does the program offer online courses? How would these factors contribute to your quality of life?
- 4 Cost/Funding** The tuition and fees will be an obvious consideration, but you should also take into account living expenses, which can vary widely by region. What sort of stipends and funding programs are available? What are the work requirements?
- 5 Career Outcomes** What are the career outcomes for program alumni and how does the program support students and alumni in professional development?

PERSONAL IDENTITY AND YOUR BRAND

Your identity, whether based on your gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, culture, faith, or another element of your background, is fundamental to who you are. Deciding when and/or how to integrate your identity into your brand and job search can be a meaningful part of navigating your professional life.

In the Career Center, we often work with students and alumni who ask about the risks and benefits of sharing personal details about their identities. Whether it's a recent alum who is non-binary, or a single mother who returned to school to complete her degree after spending years caring for her children, every individual has the power to shape a specific and compelling authentic professional identity that includes (or does not include) personal information.

While we understand that identities are intersecting and not binary, below are some general tips that we hope are helpful in navigating discussions around career development.

Connect who you are to what you do.

If your identity or background links to why you have selected a career path or professional interest, you can differentiate yourself from other applicants with a "why statement," which illustrates your personal commitment to that role or career. For example, in a cover letter, you might include a statement like this:

"As a first generation college student navigating the opaque space of higher education without the insights of parents or a network of college-educated adults, I am passionate about providing support to under-resourced students, helping them succeed academically and thrive socially."

"I am particularly interested in this role because I recently returned to college to complete my degree in Health Sciences after providing care for my disabled sister for five years. This experience taught me the value of a holistic approach to caregiving, and I am eager to use these skills to enhance the patient experience at Good Samaritan."

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

You never get a second chance to make a first impression. That's why it's important to put careful thought into how you dress for job interviews and meetings with business contacts.

It's all part of your personal brand. It's the package you present—your qualifications, your preparation and, yes, your style—when you meet someone who can help advance your career. You know you're a person with great potential. Follow these simple guidelines to make sure you look the part!

General Guidelines

Dress codes in the workplace have relaxed considerably in recent years, which can make it tougher, not easier, to decide what to wear. While it's definitely better to over-dress than under-dress, looking too formal for an interview can suggest that you're not a good fit for the culture. That said, here are some general guidelines:

- Clothes should be in good condition, fit correctly, and be clean and lint free
- Wear dress shoes that are comfortable and clean
- Hair should be well groomed
- Fragrance—a light touch is better
- Bring essentials only—a professional bag, briefcase or portfolio
- Cellphone off!

HOW TO RESEARCH EMPLOYER DRESS CODES

If you have an interview or it's your first day and you're unsure what to wear, here are a couple of ways to get an idea of what staff wears on an everyday basis.

- Check out their social media accounts. Many employers post images of employees at work or at business functions. Look for everyday-type images (not dressy corporate events) to get a sense of the culture. Be sure to look for staff in functions similar to yours, as some teams' dress codes vary.
- Call the hiring manager or HR department. You can ask explicit questions about an employer's dress code. Questions like: "How formal is the dress code?" or "Do most interviewees wear a suit?"

Check it out here:

go.depaul.edu/careerlibrary