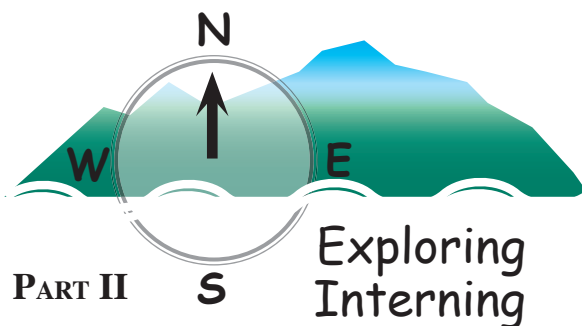


Career services helps students connect with internships

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So, you're interested in interning. According to UAS's current Academic Catalog, "Academic internships are experience-based courses that place a student in an organization, public or private, under the supervision [of] a qualified professional in the agency and a UAS faculty member." This article covers specific interning opportunities and the different mechanisms used to set up internships. If you didn't read "Real life experience greets UAS student interns," go track down the last issue of the Whalesong, which will tell you how to prepare for an internship. It is on the internet at: www.uas.alaska.edu/whalesong/.

Lynn Uhl, Coordinator and Career Counselor at UAS's Career Services, says that the greatest number of internship opportunities occur in the summer.

In most instances, the time to apply for summer internships is January through March, depending upon the specific internship.

However, internship opportunities are available year-round, and according to Uhl, approximately 30 students participated in academic internships during the Spring, 2004 semester in the following fields: Accounting, Anthropology, Art, Business, Biology, Communications, Diesel, Economics, Education, English, Government, Psychology, and Theater.

One of the best places to start your internship search would be with Uhl at Career Services. She maintains a bulletin board with current internship opportunities, and handouts listing standing internship opportunities, including the Legislative Internship Program, and internships with the Permanent Fund Corporation, the Alaska Conservation Foundation, the Alaska Sea Life Center, the Arctic Studies Center, Sealaska, and many other organizations. If one of the regular programs is not of interest to you, she also has 170 people on a contact list of organizations who

are looking for or who have used interns in the past.

Another really good place to look for internship opportunities would be with UAS faculty in your academic program. Since internships are excellent employment experience, it makes a lot of sense to find an internship that is related to your major field of study or is related to the career you wish to pursue when you finish your education. Faculty coordinate many of these types of internships, and may have information on current opportunities or may be able to help you find an appropriate internship.

places to go:
Alaska Conservation Foundation
Alaska Sea Life Center
Sealaska
... and many more!

You will also need to coordinate the internship with a faculty member if you would like to receive academic credit. Brendan Kelly, Dean of Arts and Sciences at UAS,

says that in order to receive academic credit for an internship, the internship must be supervised by a faculty member and by someone in the institution where the internship is occurring. There must also be an academic component to the internship in order to receive credit. Students must pay tuition for the credit, just as they would for any other class.

The mechanisms for different ways to intern listed in UAS's academic catalog are internships, practica, independent study, and individual research classes. The catalog lists course numbers for internships in many disciplines. Details are outlined beginning on page 121, under the section entitled, "Other Academic Opportunities."

So what are you waiting for? Start planning now to fit an internship into your university experience. You will take advantage of the opportunity to receive valuable work experience while advancing your knowledge, receiving academic credit, and maybe even getting paid!



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UAS student intern Kyle Wark helps a student completing coursework for a geometry distance course at Juneau Douglas

Five Web sites give students helpful information on interning

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1. uas.alaska.edu/careerservices/internships.html
UAS's Career Services information page on Internships
2. uas.alaska.edu/FacultySenate/forms/Onlineinternctct.pdf
The "Internship Contract Proposal" form, needed if you want to get CREDIT for your internship!
3. ecampusrecruiter.com/uas/index.php?script=member-index
UAS's employment, internship,

alumni connections, and career events on campus info page.

4. uas.alaska.edu/internprogram/
Info on UA's Legislative Intern Program
5. uas.alaska.edu

Last but not least, simply go to the UAS homepage and type "intern" into the site search space. You will get links to pages with info on Environmental Science Internships, Diesel/Marine Engine Room Prep Internships, and other opportunities.