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Building a Career with Experience Internship Newsletter

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WHERE TO START

- If you are seeking academic credit, meet with the faculty internship coordinator in your department.
- Research internship leads through your department, CareerLink and other resources in Career Services.
- Make an appointment with a Career Counselor (508) 531-1328.
- Prepare a cover letter and resume; have it critiqued at Career Services.

How to Work the Job Fair for Internship Leads

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Campus Center Ballroom



On Wednesday, April 8, 2009, Bridgewater State College will host its Annual Job Fair. The Fair will include over forty employers providing information on full-time, professional, entry level positions from a wide variety of fields including communications, education, management and social services. Over 300 students are expected to attend this year's event, learning first hand from employers the importance of networking and making a positive, first impression. This year we are partnering with The Center for Sustainability as we strive to be a more "green job fair" including six organizations that are "green".

Organizations include: 128 Alliance Financial | Advocates, Inc. | BAMSI | Clarke, Snow & Riley, LLP | The Commerce Insurance Company | Commonwealth of MA | Community Care Services | Corcoran Management Company | Defense Contract Audit Agency, (DCAA) | Eliot Community Human Services | Enterprise Rent-A-Car | John Hancock | Key Program, Inc. | The May Institute | MEDITECH | MetroPCS | New York Life | Northwestern Mutual Financial Network | Old Colony YMCA | Putnam Investments | Riverside Community Care | Road to Responsibility, Inc. | St. Anne's Hospital | Salem Radio Group Boston | Seven Hills Foundation | Shaw's Supermarkets and Star Markets | South Bay Mental Health | South Shore Mental Health | Staples, Inc. | State Street Corporation | Third District Court | The Travelers Companies, Inc. | Triumvirate Environmental | United States Army | United States Marine Corps | Verizon Wireless | Walgreens | W.B. Mason Company, Inc. and Wells Fargo Financial.

While most graduating seniors will be attending the Job Fair, we do encourage sophomores and juniors to attend to develop potential leads for internships. All students attending should be prepared with copies of their resumes and be dressed professionally.

Do Your Research

Bring Resumes

Professional Dress

Internship Award

Be awarded up to \$2000 towards your unpaid summer internship!

The Internship Award is designed to assist one BSC student in completing an approved unpaid, credit-bearing internship. The student recipient will be required to work a minimum of 12 hours per week at their internship.

Deadline: May 1, 2009

See website for further details: www.bridgew.edu/careerservices/IntAward.cfm

Experiential Learning Definitions

Internships for Credit (Academic Departments)

A credited, professional work experience that ties the academic major with a career interest(s) offered through BSC academic departments in a variety of majors. Application and approval process is through the academic departments. Students who participate receive from 3 to 15 credits. Requirements: student must have a GPA of at least 2.5 and need to be a junior or senior. Most internships are done during the academic year and occasionally over the summer.

Internships for Non Credit (Career Services)

Current students seeking career-related experience who do not need the credit, who may want an internship outside of their major or are not of junior or senior status. Some internships offer paid stipends. Typically sophomores and juniors participate.

Externships (See: Job Shadow Program - below)

Short-term mentoring experiences with alumni or other professionals. Students are matched up with employers over the summer, or during the intercessions of school vacation breaks to learn about various career fields that are linked to the career interest or major.

Field Experience or Practicum (Academic Departments)

Similar in nature to the credited internship. This experience however, is typically professional practice required for certification as part of a state approved program or license. Examples at BSC would include Student Teaching, Social Work and the Master's in Counseling practicum.

Community Service/Volunteer, (Community Service Center)

Signature Programs include: Take a Break and Make a Difference, Habitat for Humanity, National Days of Service, Good Neighbors Day, First Fridays of Service, Alternative Spring Break, Service on Saturdays and JUMPSTART.

Office of Student Leadership and Involvement

The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership is your key resource for identifying involvement opportunities on campus. No matter what your interest, we will help you find the right type of involvement for you! Become an Orientation Leader, become a member or leader within a Student Organization the Office of Student Leadership is here to help you get INVOLVED!

Service-Learning

Promotes the integration of community service with academic study in order to enhance student learning and deepen civic responsibility. Service Learning is typically integrated with an academic curriculum and taught by faculty members. The length of time for service varies from short term experiences to long term assignments.

Study Abroad Program

Are you interested in studying abroad? Travel the world with Bridgewater State College's Office of Study Abroad. Students have 4 ways of studying away through BSC: Study Abroad, Exchange Programs, National Student Exchange, and Study Tours.

Job Shadow Program (Career Services)

The Bridgewater State College Job Shadow Program is an opportunity to give students first-hand knowledge and experience in exploring careers and occupations. A student is matched with a Job Shadow Mentor for one day or a half day, in which students observe the daily routines and activities of professionals in the students expressed field of interest. The Job Shadow experience will take place during the first two weeks during the winter holiday break.

Employer Profile

Image Source International, (ISI -ART)

630 Belleville Avenue
 New Bedford, MA 02745-6035
 Tel: (508) 999-0090
 www.isiposters.com

Contact person: **Mr. Zachary Brazdis '07**

zbrazdis@isiposters.com

Art Director

Seeking art and management majors-marketing.

Students looking for internship opportunities with ISI should view the internship database in Career Link.



Image Source International is a publisher and Licensor of designs that fit the decorative needs of today's wall décor industry. Image Source is located in New Bedford, Massachusetts and is housed in a 35,000 square foot building space. ISI was established in 1992 and has become a worldwide market provider of posters and prints. In addition to over 2000 of our proprietary designs, we also inventory and distribute EGIM and Platin/Eurographics product lines.

By: Rachel Sonia '09 – Fall 2008
Major: Criminal Justice
Placement: United State Marshals Service

“The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars is an independent, nonprofit organization serving hundreds of colleges and universities in the United States and other countries by providing selected students challenging opportunities to work and learn in Washington, DC and abroad for academic credit. The largest program of its kind, The Washington Center has 70 full-time staff and over 40,000 alumni, many of whom are in leadership positions in the public, private and non-profit sectors in the United States and around the world”.

During the fall semester I was an intern with The Washington Center. As part of the Law and Criminal Justice Program and interned with the United States Marshals Service (USMS) in Arlington, Virginia. I worked directly with the Office of Internal Investigations and the Office of Compliance Review. I was entrusted with the duties of electronically managing investigative case files, e-mailing formal correspondence to senior management, assisting Senior Inspectors and External Audit Liaisons by reviewing cases and compiling statistics, and conducting reviews of updates to USMS policies and procedures.

Even though the majority of my internship was spent in the office, I was given the opportunity to visit different sites in Washington, DC with USMS privileges. I toured the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the District of Columbia Superior Court, and the Eastern Virginia District Court where the al-Qaeda operative Zacarias Moussaoui was indicted.

As a member of the Law and Criminal Justice Program, I attended the weekly Presidential Lecture Series at the Department of Interior. I toured the White House, the Pentagon, and the ATF Headquarters. I also participated in the AIDS Walk Washington and the Help the Homeless Walkathon.

Each week I attended a night class on Forensic Psychology. In this class I learned how forensic psychologists and other psychologists make valuable contributions to law enforcement and to expert testimony. The class showed how psychologists can play an integral role in the application of the law.

Before I was accepted into The Washington Center Program, I questioned whether I could spend an entire semester away from home in our nation's capital. I took the risk with support and encouragement from my family. This experience helped me with my future goals and gave me insight into what I may or may not want to do with my career. Interning with the United States Marshals Service was life-changing, and I am very grateful I was given the opportunity.



Rachel Sonia '09

THE
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*For Internships and
Academic Seminars*

Application Deadline:

Fall 2009 – May 8, 2009

The Washington Center has scholarship money available for Students with Disabilities.

Visit www.twc.edu for scholarship and application information.

Reminder

When completing the online TWC application you must present a hard copy and discuss credit allocation with Dr. Serra - Chair of Political Science prior to having your documents sent to The Washington Center.

News & Events

Be an Intern

It's time to start thinking about your Summer and/or Fall '09 internship options. Make an appointment with a Career Counselor today by calling (508) 531-1328.

Try FOCUS

Undecided about choosing a major? Consider using FOCUS an online based career system that allows you to learn about which occupation best suits your interests. Contact Career Services for more details.

Annual Job Fair

Wednesday, April 8, 2009
 11:00 am - 1:30 pm
 Campus Center Ballroom
 Bring plenty of copies of your resume.
 Interview attire strongly recommended.

Drop-In Hours

Get your resume critiqued at Career Services. Drop-In Hours are Monday – Thursday between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm.

Experiential Learning Symposia April 16, 2009

Bridgewater State College

Experiential Learning Symposia

Internships

**Community/
Volunteer Service**



Service-Learning

Study Abroad

Leadership

Come support BSC Students

Thursday, April 16, 2009

9:00am – 2:00pm
Moakley Auditorium & Foyer

www.bridgew.edu/careerservices/symposia.form.cfm

Open to the Campus Community & General Public

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks to Rachel Sonia '09 for submitting her article about her Washington, DC internship experience. A special thanks to Image Source International for agreeing to be featured in our Employer Profile section.

We're looking forward to working with all new employers who recently listed their internship openings with us.

BSC CAREERLINK

View over 250 internship opportunities through Career Services BSC CareerLink on-line system. Search for internships by career field, as well as paid and non-paid opportunities.

www.bridgew.edu/careerservices/careerlink.cfm

NACE 2008-09

The job market for interns is projected to rise as an increasing number of employers use their experiential education programs as a place to look for new hires, according to respondents of NACE's 2008 *Experiential Education Survey*.

National Association of Colleges & Employers