

SIUC EXTERN . . . A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PROGRAM

Over 2,800 students have made valuable career contacts by participating in this program. On average, 40% of the externs are offered future opportunities with their sponsoring companies or organizations. The SIUC Extern program has received two national awards from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education for student program excellence.

Read what externs have had to say:

"I was fortunate enough to extern at a place with people who allowed me to perform tasks as if I was an employee. The staff was great and took pride in making me feel like an employee."

- Nicole Walls, Science

"Boeing worked very hard to match each of us with people that could provide valuable information to us. It was obvious that my sponsor spent a lot of time to make this a great experience."

- Derek Meier, Computer Engineering

"The people at Sentinel Technologies were a very personable group. They showed me a lot of things you can't learn in the classroom. I know this is what I want to do now."

- Daniel Schmitt, Information Systems Technologies

Read what sponsors have had to say:

"I think it's a great program. It was nice to have a fresh set of eyes on my business for a week. He gave valuable insight."

- Mike Pruitt, Edward Jones

"Our extern was a perfect fit for our organization. He was prompt and eager to learn. He is definitely someone we would like to hire after he graduates."

- Megan Starker, Advanced Technology Services

"Overall our participation in the Extern program was a success."

- Jeremy Pinkston, Black Diamond Harley-Davidson

A Student - Alumni Partnership

On the job experience
Professional contacts
Real world knowledge
Answers to your future

Extern PROGRAM

Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Established by the SIU Alumni Association in 1984, the Extern Program provides students with professional experience in their chosen career fields. Each year nearly 200 SIUC students complete externships throughout the United States. Students are matched with SIUC alumni and friends of SIUC during spring break and apply skills learned in the classroom in a professional work environment. The Extern Program enhances students' college education and helps them clarify their career objectives and goals.

www.sialumni.com/extern

The SIUC Extern Program is administered by the SIU Alumni Association in conjunction with the undergraduate colleges. Interested alumni, friends, and students may obtain more information and applications from the SIU Alumni Association, Student Center 2nd floor, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, IL 62901-6809.

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PHONE: (618) 453-2417 FAX: (618) 453-3749



THE EXTERN STUDENT

All Extern participants represent SIUC and are expected to observe, learn, and present their personal best. An extern's professional appearance, attitude and enthusiasm reflects on SIUC and its students. One week provides an excellent opportunity for personal growth and career development.

The Extern Program cannot provide financial assistance to the externs. Some sponsors provide assistance or furnish housing. All externs are responsible for their own housing, meals, and transportation. The Extern application asks students to specify their desired geographic area; students should consider cost when choosing the location of their externship.

Communication with the sponsor is required. While the Extern Program attends to the administrative details and helps facilitate the connections for the students, it is the responsibility of each student to clearly communicate their goals and interests to the sponsor. This is the best way to ensure an ideal experience.

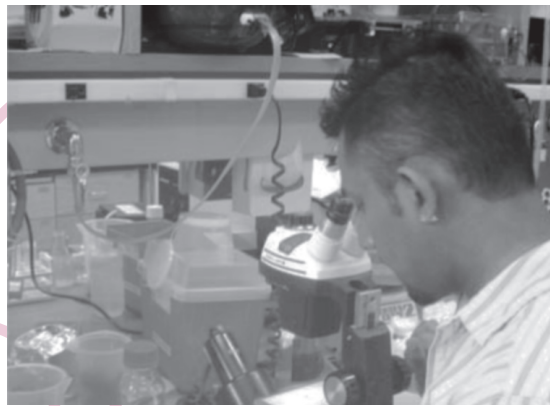
Student Eligibility Requirements

To participate in the Extern Program, students must:

- meet the 2.5 GPA requirement
- be an undergraduate with at least 56 credit hours
- be enrolled fulltime at SIUC for both fall and spring semesters
- satisfy an extensive application process
- complete a screening interview
- contact the sponsor prior to the externship and
- attend the Extern Ceremony after returning to campus.

Participating Colleges

College of Agricultural Sciences
College of Applied Sciences and Arts
College of Business
College of Education and Human Services
College of Engineering
College of Liberal Arts
College of Mass Communication and Media Arts
College of Science



Timasha Udugama, physiology major, spends his externship at the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research in Cambridge, Massachusetts researching cancer.

THE EXTERN EXPERIENCE

- Each extern experience is individualized.
- Externs are covered with liability insurance.
- Most externships are Monday-Friday, 9 am - 5 pm, but some sponsors design the extern schedule to meet their organizational goals.
- Students can work in one department all week or in a different department each day.
- An itinerary assists in a more productive externship.
- Extern students should be invited to participate in staff, departmental, and/or client meetings.
- Allow student(s) to sit in on employee training sessions.
- Have student(s) participate in team projects or assign a specific project before the end of the week.
- Review student's transcript, resume, or portfolio to provide advice.
- Any questions can be answered by calling the Extern Program, (618) 453-2417.

THE EXTERN SPONSOR

An extern sponsor's primary goal is to provide the student with insight into their day-to-day responsibilities. Sponsors are asked to give their time and professional expertise; the expense of the program falls to the student. Once a qualified extern is matched with a sponsor, based on the sponsor application, the sponsor will be notified and sent information about the student. The extern student will contact the sponsor shortly after the match is made to discuss goals for the week. This assists sponsors in developing an itinerary of the week's activities based on the goals and the student's interests.

Recruitment of sponsors takes place throughout each fall semester. It may take between 3 and 5 months to match the appropriate student with an organization. However, the SIU Alumni Association will keep you informed throughout the matching process. Sponsors are encouraged to host more than one student if possible. Although Extern sponsors are only asked to give their time, many organizations do choose to support the extern with meals, accommodations, or a stipend.

Why be an Extern Sponsor?

- Sponsoring an extern(s) gives alumni and friends a unique connection to the university.
- Sponsorship is an inexpensive, yet invaluable way to support SIUC and its students.
- By sharing their expertise with students, sponsors directly contribute to the quality of education and career development of an SIUC student(s).
- Sponsoring is an excellent opportunity to ascertain the capability of SIUC graduates that will soon be entering the job market.

Sponsors . . .

- When the student contacts you, ask about their major and why they want to experience your organization.
- When communicating with your extern, specifically discuss their goals and objectives for the week-long externship.
- When students contact you, share information about parking, expected attire, security, etc.
- The Human Resources department should provide orientation and a tour of the facilities upon arrival.
- Thank you for providing this life-changing experience enhancing the quality of education and career development of a young adult.