INTERNERSHIP GUIDE FOR EMPLOYERS
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THE BASICS OF AN INTERNSHIP

WHAT IS AN INTERNSHIP?

An internship is an opportunity to enhance classroom learning through practical career-related work experience. Internships can be found in corporate and private businesses, government agencies and nonprofit organizations. All internships should have the primary goal of providing students supervision and a chance to learn while contributing to the organization’s needs.

At USF St. Petersburg, we are available to assist you with developing a successful internship program. Whether by phone, in-person, or through email communication, our Employer Relations staff can help create a positive internship experience for you and our students.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF HIRING A STUDENT INTERN?

Internships were rated by employers as one of the most effective recruiting methods for hiring new college graduates, according to the 2011 Job Outlook survey conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE).

There are many benefits to hiring student interns. To name a few:

- Interns can assist with special events and/or short-term projects.
- Interns may offer new ideas and innovative approaches.
- Interns are typically self-motivated. They're eager to get experience!
- Mentoring an intern provides your staff member an opportunity to develop supervisory skills.
- An intern can be evaluated and trained for possible future employment.
- Providing internships can be a cost-effective solution for short-term projects.
- An employer's visibility on campus is increased when promoting internships.

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF INTERNSHIPS?

There are two primary types of internships. The details of each are listed below.

PAID INTERNSHIPS

Paid Internships are opportunities offered primarily in the private sector or large organizations that are designed to pay students to learn while they work. Employers that offer paid internships are generally for-profit, are evaluating interns as potential full-time employees upon graduation, and/or have short-term large projects. The rate of compensation can be determined by the employer; however, most successful internship programs offer comparable hourly wages, stipends, licensing, and/or tuition reimbursement.

UNPAID INTERNSHIPS

Unpaid internships are opportunities that do not offer any form of monetary compensation for the student. The decision to offer an unpaid internship is largely determined by the employer or the area of discipline. However, the general rule is that for-profit companies should offer interns some form of compensation. Unpaid internships are generally reserved for not-for-profit organizations including religious institutions, charities, universities, state and local government agencies, and various hospitals.

It should be noted that unpaid internships are scrutinized heavily by the U.S. Department of Labor and, as such, have a minimum set of criteria that must be met for the internship to be considered legal. At USF St.
Petersburg, adherence to these criteria is expected. For specific details regarding the identified standards, please refer to Part 2 of this guide or visit http://www.dol.gov/whd/regs/compliance/whdfs71.htm.

FOR-CREDIT VS. NOT-FOR-CREDIT

In addition to determining the amount of monetary compensation (if any), employers must also decide whether internships should be offered on a for-credit or not-for-credit basis.

- For-Credit Internships – Students earn university credits that count as an academic or extracurricular semester course. They are often strongly related to a student’s academic discipline and must be approved by the university/academic department. Generally, they also require the completion of various forms of documentation throughout the duration of the academic semester or year. Examples of documentation include: journals, essays, presentations, mid-term/final evaluations, etc.

- Not-for-Credit Internships – Students do not earn university credits for their internship experience. However, to be included in our job search database, Recruit-a-Bull, the university must still approve the internship posting. By establishing an approval process, USF St. Petersburg ensures that students are offered a meaningful learning experience.

WHAT IS A MEANINGFUL LEARNING EXPERIENCE?

Meaningful learning experiences provide genuine opportunities for students to learn about their desired career path outside of a classroom environment. The main components identified for USF St. Petersburg are as follows:

- The internship must be aligned with the student’s chosen major.
- The internship must include specific measurable learning objectives/outcomes. Some examples of learning objectives/outcomes include:
  - The intern will develop a thorough understanding of the employer’s online personality and preferred use of marketing tools.
  - The intern will learn transaction tax laws and regulations.
  - The intern will observe ten family therapy sessions and provide a written summary of each session.
  - The intern will write and submit two grant applications.
  - The intern will attend five media events such as press launches, court sessions, council meetings, etc.
- The intern must be closely supervised to ensure they are receiving guidance and feedback regarding their performance.
- The intern should have time to reflect on the learning objectives and summarize their experience.

HOW LONG IS THE AVERAGE INTERNSHIP?

The length of an internship can vary based on an employer’s needs, whether the internship is being offered on a for-credit or not-for-credit basis, and/or what the discipline is. Generally speaking, for-credit internships fall in line with the start and end of an academic semester/year and not-for-credit internships can last a semester, a summer, or an entire year. For specific details, please contact the Career Center.
HOW LONG DOES AN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM TAKE TO CREATE?

The start-up time for an internship program can range from several weeks to several months. This range is based on a number of factors, including:

- The number of interns sought
- The size of the organization
- The employer’s internal approval process
- Whether the internship is for-credit or not-for credit
- Whether the intern’s hours will count towards licensing requirements (for specific disciplines/degrees)

Though not always possible, it is best practice for employers to have fully developed the internship program prior to posting the position and beginning the recruitment process. This ensures that the approval to post the position has been granted and that all involved parties have a clear understanding of the expectations from the onset.

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

Creating Your Internship provides a step-by-step guide to creating an internship at your organization and various resources/forms to reference. If you have specific questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss an internship program in greater detail, our contact information is listed below.

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CREATING YOUR INTERNSHIP

HOW DO I CREATE A SUCCESSFUL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM?

Creating a successful internship program can be a daunting task for many employers. To assist in the process, the USF St. Petersburg Career Center has created this resource guide and our experienced professionals are eager to assist you at any stage of your internship program's development.

The following twelve steps offer an outline for creating, administering, and evaluating the quality of your internship program. Part 3: Appendix provides sample documents for employers to reference as needed.

1. DETERMINE THE NEEDS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Researching the needs of your organization beforehand can save substantial time in making adjustments after you have already begun the internship program. Some thoughts to consider are:

- What are your current needs?
- What kind of projects/work assignments do you foresee interns undertaking?
- What is the minimum experience required to complete projects/work assignments?
- What is the best time of year to hire student interns?
- How long should your internship last?
- Do you have the work space available to support the desired amount of interns?

2. OBTAIN EMPLOYEE BUY-IN

The most successful internship programs are those that have obtained the buy-in of employees at all levels. Interns are most successful when they are seen as a welcome addition to the team.

3. RESEARCH THE STUDENTS AND UNIVERSITY

Prior to beginning an internship program, the employer is encouraged to take some time gaining an understanding of the current student population and of the university. Some key questions to ask:

- What is this generation of college students like?
- What are the preferred methods of communication?
- What are common benefits and challenges associated with hiring college students?
- What universities do I want to recruit from?
- What majors are available at universities?

4. FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH LEGALITIES SURROUNDING STUDENT INTERNS

Employers are encouraged to compensate interns through hourly wages, stipends and/or assistance with lodging expenses. Compensation varies from industry to industry. According to the U.S. Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), employers do not have to pay interns who qualify as trainees. The U.S. Department of Labor has outlined six criteria for determining trainee status and ensuring that unpaid internships are legal:

- Interns work under close supervision and do not displace regular employees.
- Interns are not guaranteed a job at the end of the internship.
- Interns understand they are not entitled to wages during the internship.
- Training takes precedent over any benefits employers may receive.
- Interns' training must primarily benefit them, not the organization.
Interns must obtain hands-on experience similar to that in a vocational setting.

If interns will be expected to carry out functions that will take precedence over training opportunities, deciding to provide paid internships from the onset will avoid any potential legal concerns in the future.

5. **Determine If Employer Will Award University Credits For Internship**

A key factor in developing an internship program is whether or not the employer would like to offer students an opportunity to earn college credits for completing an internship. This is a decision that must be agreed upon by the student and the employer, and ultimately approved by the university. Participation in a for-credit internship at USF St. Petersburg requires the completion of mid-term and/or end-of-term evaluations that provide student feedback, an organized program of work, a commitment to teaching the student about the employer’s practices, policies, and procedures, and communication of any problems or conflicts with the student and/or the USF St. Petersburg assigned sponsor.

Please note that the academic departments determine what is required of all for-credit internships. The Career Center staff can assist you in obtaining department specific information.

6. **Develop A Compensation Plan For Students**

After researching the legalities of unpaid vs. paid internships and determining whether the employer would like to offer students university credits for the completion of an internship, the employer should develop a compensation plan. Putting together documentation/brochures regarding the benefits of completing an internship will help facilitate the interviewing and hiring process for the employer and the students.

7. **Create A Position Description**

Intern employers are expected to provide work experiences that are both challenging and educational. Creating a position description will ensure that all parties involved have a clear understanding of the expectations of the intern. Many descriptions vary, depending on the employers. This following list provides general information of what a description should contain but is not all inclusive or definitive:

- A proper title
- A description of the organization and work environment
- A clear description of the position, general responsibilities, and learning objectives
- The necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to be successful in the position
- The minimum education and experience requirements

8. **Create A Work Plan**

Programs that do not have a structured plan from the beginning create opportunities for unclear expectations for the student and supervisor. This can lead to an internship experience that lacks quality for both the student and the organization. Some suggestions for maximizing the intern’s success and creating a training plan are as follows:

- Assign projects that relate to the intern’s area of study
- Provide sufficient and appropriate training
- Provide an orientation to the company and its culture
- Provide opportunities for interns to get involved with company activities

Interns should have a supervisor or mentor committed to the professional development of others. Determining day-to-day and week-to-week projects, work assignments, tasks, and responsibilities prior to bringing your interns on board will also help your intern become successful in his or her new role. This
may include a schedule and/or training plan that contain standing weekly appointments such as supervisory and feedback sessions, documented projects, professional development and training opportunities, etc.

9. **Fill the Position**

Once parameters for the internship have been identified and agreed upon, you are now ready to begin recruiting for the position(s). You may decide you would like to post the available position(s) for free on our university website, Recruit-a-Bull. Recruit-a-Bull is an online job search system that allows employers to post open positions. Employers can also search through student and alumni resumes.

When you begin receiving candidates, it is important to identify your expectations as it relates to skills needed. Do you prefer candidates with prior customer service experience, knowledge of Microsoft Office, excellent writing skills, etc.? This is where you can reflect back to step 2, determine the minimum qualifications you are seeking, and choose the most appropriate candidates.

Once you have selected the appropriate candidates, you are now ready to schedule the first round of interviews. If applicable, you may then schedule second interviews with those students that you are interested in. Once you have selected the interns based on their interviews and skills, you are ready to make the internship offer.

10. **Execute the Internship**

Now that you have created a work plan and filled the position, you are ready to bring your intern on board and execute the plan. Students are eager to have an opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned in school and prove themselves. Upon arrival, employers are encouraged to:

- Review behavior/performance expectations
- Review learning objectives
- Discuss projected assignments
- Discuss training schedule (i.e., orientation, professional development sessions, etc.)
- Schedule times for supervision sessions (if not already scheduled)
- Provide opportunity for interns to discuss their expectations

As the internship progresses, employers may notice that they have under or overestimated the capabilities of a student, or what can realistically be accomplished during the internship. It is a good time to document the performance of the intern, assess their contributions, and reflect upon the projects assigned to students, the training received, and what could be tweaked to improve the next internship.

11. **Conclude the Internship**

There are various ways to conclude an internship. Often, how internships end depend largely on the performance of the intern, whether or not a part-time or full-time position will be offered, and whether or other internships will be available in the future.

Some ideas for the final days of the internship are:

- Provide opportunities for the interns to do presentations to recap their internship experience. This can be a great opportunity for the intern to demonstrate their accomplishments and for other employees to see the value of internships.
- Discuss future employment options with the student (if applicable).
- Hold focus group sessions and/or exit interviews with interns to discuss the experience. Surveys can be used to facilitate this process. Possible questions include:
  - What went well?
  - What could be improved?
Did the intern feel the workload was manageable?
Were all the learning objectives met?
What was the intern's overall impression of the employer and industry?

- Host a going away party for the intern
- Take the intern to lunch/dinner
- Provide a letter of recommendation or certificate of completion

12. FOLLOW-UP WITH THE CAREER CENTER

The USF St. Petersburg Career Center recognizes the benefits of internship programs and respects the challenges employers face as it relates to creating internship programs and recruiting qualified interns. As part of our Career Center’s commitment to building strong partnerships with employers, our office will periodically email surveys to employers regarding the quality of our students and to students regarding their internship experience. We are also available to assist you with any and all stages of your internship program and aim to support you in making the most of your experience with USF St. Petersburg.

Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting with our office.

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APPENDIX A:
SAMPLE INTERN POSITION/POSTING DESCRIPTION #1

Position Title: Marketing Intern
Organization: XYZ Company
Department: External Affairs
Number of Openings: 2
Start Date: January 20, 2011
End Date: May 31, 2011
Work Schedule: Mon – Fri (flexible shifts)
Hours per Week: 15-20

Company Profile: XYZ, established in 1996, is one of the leading banking institutions in the United States. With 40,000 employees nationwide, XYZ has experienced significant growth in the financial services industry and is known for its commitment to ethical practices in banking.

XYZ provides the following services to its consumers:
- Checking and saving account services
- Mortgage, auto loan, home equity, refinancing and credit card services
- Investing, advising and IRA services
- Home owners, auto insurance, identity theft protection and life insurance services
- Financial planning services

Position Description: The marketing intern will be responsible for grassroots marketing, event planning and community outreach for XYZ’s Going Paperless project.

Learning Outcomes:
By the end of the internship, the intern will learn how to:
- Promote XYZ’s Going Paperless project to current and potential customers, including individual and business consumers.
- Create and execute new marketing initiatives through research and with the support of XYZ staff.
- Lead a Going Paperless community outreach event such as Save our Planet and Go Green or Go Home.
- Identify, understand and utilize professional marketing strategies.
- Work with diverse populations in cross-cultural or multicultural settings.

Qualifications:
- Strong verbal and written communication skills.
- Candidates with experience in event planning and/or who have interest in event planning.
- Upper-class undergraduate students majoring in marketing, business or related field.
- Familiarity with various social media outlets and related marketing strategies.
- Knowledge of banking industry a plus.
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 preferred

Application Instructions:
Please send resume and cover letter to: jane.doe@xyz.com.
APPENDIX B:
SAMPLE INTERN POSITION/POSTING DESCRIPTION #2

Position Title: Graphic Design Intern
Organization: XYZ Company
Department: Creative Services
Number of Openings: 1
Start Date: January 20, 2011
End Date: May 31, 2011
Work Schedule: Mon – Fri (flexible shifts)
Hours per Week: 10-20

Company Profile: XYZ, established in 1996, is one of the leading banking institutions in the United States. With 40,000 employees nationwide, XYZ has experienced significant growth in the financial services industry and is known for its commitment to ethical practices in banking.

XYZ provides the following services to its consumers:
- Checking and saving account services
- Mortgage, auto loan, home equity, refinancing and credit card services
- Investing, advising and IRA services
- Home owners, auto insurance, identity theft protection and life insurance services
- Financial planning services

Posting Description: The graphic design intern will be responsible for assisting the creative services team with creating templates, graphics, posters and brochures for marketing department.

Learning Outcomes:
By the end of the internship, the intern will learn how to:
- Independently work on the production design of marketing materials for the marketing department.
- Manage deadlines and client expectations for projects through regular and ongoing communication.
- Provide feedback to production coordinator regarding print quality.
- Utilize skills and knowledge to review effectiveness of design and content.
- Prepare estimates for digital print assignments.

Qualifications:
- Knowledge of graphic design methods and principles.
- Familiarity with software utilized in advertising, design and marketing industry
- Upper-class undergraduate students majoring in marketing, business or related field.
- Understanding of effective visual communication techniques.
- Knowledge of banking industry a plus.
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 preferred

Application Instructions:
Please send resume and cover letter to: jane.doe@xyz.com.
APPENDIX C: SAMPLE PAID INTERNSHIP OFFER LETTER

Date

Name
Address
City, State, Zip Code

Re: Internship Offer

Dear _______________

I am pleased to offer you the internship position of ______________ within the _____________ department at ____________. You will be paid $______ per hour, minus all applicable taxes and withholdings, payable every ____________. As we discussed, you will be scheduled to intern ___ hours/week. If you accept this offer, you will report to __________, and your internship will begin on ________________ and will end on approximately _________________.

This internship is considered temporary and either party may discontinue the internship relationship at any time for any reason not prohibited by law. Furthermore, there is no guarantee of continuous employment and the terms and/or conditions of employment may be modified at any time.

As an intern, you will not receive any of the employee benefits that regular company employees are entitled to, including, but not limited to, health insurance, vacation or sick pay, paid holidays, or participation in the company’s _______ retirement plan.

During your internship, you may come across confidential business information. By accepting this internship employment offer, you acknowledge that you must adhere to the company’s confidentiality policy. In addition, upon conclusion of your internship, you must return all company-owned property, equipment, and documents, including electronic mail or other information.

On your first day, please be prepared to provide documentation that establishes your employment eligibility to work in the U.S. (in accordance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986). You will be provided with a list of acceptable documents. Additionally, please make available your I-94, visa and appropriate immigration support documents based on visa class, if you are a foreign national.

If you have any questions about the terms of our offer outlined above, please contact me at (___)___-_____. We are very excited about the prospect of you joining our team and staff at _________________. To assist you in learning more about the company, please visit our web site at _________________.

Sincerely,

____________________________
Name
Title
My signature below indicates my acceptance of the offer as outlined above.

__________________________      __________________________     ___________________
Printed Name                                    Signature       Date

Please return a signed copy via US Mail or deliver to _______________________________ by [INSERT DATE NO LATER THAN 10 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER].
APPENDIX D:
SAMPLE UNPAID INTERNSHIP OFFER LETTER

Date

Name
Address
City, State, Zip Code

Re: Internship Offer

Dear __________________:

I am pleased to offer you an internship at _____________. As we discussed, you will be scheduled to intern _____ hours/week. If you accept this internship offer, you will report to ___________, and your internship will begin on _____________ and will end on approximately _____________.

As an intern, either party may discontinue the internship relationship at any time for any reason not prohibited by law. Furthermore, there is no guarantee of continuous employment and the terms and/or conditions of employment may be modified at any time.

As an intern, you will not be a company employee. Therefore, you will not receive a salary, wages, or other compensation. In addition, you will not be eligible for any of the employee benefits that company employees are entitled to, including, but not limited to, health insurance, vacation or sick pay, paid holidays, or participation in the company’s _______ retirement plan.

During your internship, you may come across confidential business information. By accepting this internship offer, you acknowledge that you must adhere to the company’s confidentiality policy. In addition, upon conclusion of your internship, you must return all company-owned property, equipment, and documents, including electronic mail or other information.

If you have any questions about the terms of our offer outlined above, please contact me at (___) ____-_____. We are very excited about the prospect of you joining our team and staff as an intern at _____________! To learn more about the company, please visit our web site at _______________.

Sincerely,

____________________________
Name
Title

My signature below indicates my acceptance of the offer as outlined above.

______________________________  __________________________  ___________________
Printed Name                                    Signature                                          Date

Please return a signed copy via US Mail or deliver to __________________________ by 
[INSERT DATE NO LATER THAN 10 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER].
# Appendix E: Sample Intern Orientation Checklist

## Intern Information

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<th>Position:</th>
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## First Day

- [ ] Provide intern with New Intern Handbook.
- [ ] Assign "buddy" employee(s) to answer general questions.

## Policies

- [ ] Review key policies.
  - Anti-harassment
  - Intern absence
  - Social media/cell phone use
  - Holidays
  - Time and leave reporting
  - Overtime
  - Performance reviews
  - Dress code
  - Personal conduct standards
  - Progressive disciplinary actions
  - Security
  - Confidentiality
  - Safety
  - Emergency procedures
  - Visitors
  - E-mail and Internet use

## Administrative Procedures

- [ ] Review general administrative procedures.
  - Office/desk/work station
  - Keys
  - Mail (incoming and outgoing)
  - Shipping (FedEx, DHL, and UPS)
  - Business cards
  - Purchase requests
  - Telephones
  - Building access cards
  - Conference rooms
  - Picture ID badges
  - Expense reports
  - Office supplies

## Introductions and Tours

- [ ] Give introductions to department staff and key personnel during tour.
- [ ] Tour of facility, including:
  - Restrooms
  - Mail rooms
  - Copy centers
  - Fax machines
  - Bulletin board
  - Parking
  - Printers
  - Office supplies
  - Kitchen
  - Coffee/vending machines
  - Cafeteria
  - Emergency exits and supplies

## Position Information

- [ ] Introductions to team.
- [ ] Review learning objectives, initial job assignments and training plans.
- [ ] Review position description and performance expectations and standards.
- [ ] Review position schedule and hours.
- [ ] Review payroll timing, time cards (if applicable), and policies and procedures.

## Technology

- [ ] Specialty/Company hardware and software reviews, including:
  - E-mail
  - Intranet
  - Microsoft Office System
  - Data on shared drives
  - Databases
  - Internet
### APPENDIX F:
**INTERN WORK PLAN TEMPLATE**

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APPENDIX G:  
SAMPLE INTERN PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Name of Intern:  
Company:  
Department/Division:  
Supervisor Name/Title:  

Please rate the intern based on their performance in the following categories.

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<td>Communication</td>
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<td>Effectively translates ideas, both verbally and in writing; practices attentive and active listening; speaks clearly and directly.</td>
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<td>Team player; works cooperatively with others in the department; applies teamwork skills to a variety of situations; builds consensus.</td>
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<td>Work Habits</td>
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<td>Manages times effectively; accepts responsibility; adapts to changing priorities.</td>
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<td>Identifies challenges; develops creative solutions; develops practical solutions.</td>
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<td>Initiative</td>
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<td>Adapts to new situations; asks appropriate questions; works well independently.</td>
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<td>Time Management</td>
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<td>Uses time effectively; arrives to work on time; adheres to deadlines.</td>
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<td>Professional Development</td>
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<td>Seeks feedback and acts on it; values input and experience of others; asks for help when needed; takes advantage of available training opportunities.</td>
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<td>Personal Attributes</td>
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<td>Demonstrates commitment, integrity, and honesty; is reliable.</td>
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Additional Comments:

Intern Comments:

Review Date: ____________________________

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Supervisor Signature                Intern Signature
## APPENDIX H: SAMPLE INTERN FEEDBACK FORM

**Name of Intern:**

**Department/Division:**

**Company:**

**Supervisor/Mentor Name:**

**Beginning of Internship:**

**End of Internship:**

### Instructions:

Read each statement below and circle the number that most accurately reflects your internship experience.

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<tr>
<th>Statement</th>
<th>Strongly Disagree</th>
<th>Strongly Agree</th>
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<td>1 I attended a company orientation.</td>
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<td>2 I felt welcomed in the work environment.</td>
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<td>3 The work environment was positive and encouraging.</td>
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<td>4 My supervisor/mentor clearly defined goals at the beginning of the internship.</td>
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<td>5 The learning objectives were achievable and realistic.</td>
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<td>6 My supervisor/mentor provided me with constructive feedback.</td>
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<td>7 My supervisor/mentor was available when I needed support.</td>
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<td>8 The internship was challenging and intellectually stimulating.</td>
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<td>9 I consider this internship to be useful for my career.</td>
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<td>10 I gained greater appreciation for this industry.</td>
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<td>11 I would recommend this internship to another student.</td>
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If you had a choice, would you repeat this internship again?  □ Yes  □ No

Why or why not?

Overall, how would you rate this internship?

□ Poor □ Adequate □ Good □ Excellent

Additional Comments:

__________________________________________  ____________________________
Intern Signature                          Date

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