



Tips for Student Interns

1. Companies expect interns to have some skills and knowledge in the industry they are applying to. Internships are not just part time jobs—they are an opportunity to gain knowledge, connections, and experience in a specific career.
2. Internships can be paid or unpaid. Determine in advance if you are willing/able to take an unpaid internship if it provides you with the opportunity you are looking for.
3. Treat an internship like a job. From the search, to the resume and interview, and your day-to-day work, be sure to keep a professional attitude and get the most out of your experience.
4. If you like the internship, and would like to work for the company, let them know. Even if they do not have the ability to hire you, they may be able to refer you to other opportunities.
5. If you do not like the internship, remember that there are a number of variables involved in the workplace—is it the work you dislike, the company, your co-workers, or some other factor. Don't quit! Good things can come from bad internship experiences.
6. Show your gratitude. Be sure to thank the company for the opportunity to intern. Even though they may not currently be hiring, they may have future opportunities or connections with other companies that are hiring.

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