

MASTER YOUR SUMMER INTERNSHIP

5 Tips for Students

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GO IN WITH A PLAN

Ask yourself what you want to get out of the internship personally and professionally. Questions such as:

- What are my main goals for this internship?
- Do I want a mentor?

• What are one or two new skills that I can learn? Don't run out of time before you start acting on your goals.

TREAT IT LIKE A (LONG) INTERVIEW

Most companies want their internships to be a representation of what it's like to actually work there. Use this time to help you decide if you would accept a job offer. Some things to consider:

- Do I enjoy the work I am doing?
- Is the culture a good fit?
- Is there potential for growth and learning?



SPEAK UP

Don't be afraid to ask questions. Use HR or your recruiter as a resource. Ask them how to thrive at the company, who to contact for a specific situation, or even just general questions to help you gain insight into the working of the company.



FIND A MENTOR

Some internship programs match you with a mentor to help you throughout the summer. You can also seek out an informal mentor. They're your go-to for anything related to your industry, and can be a wealth of knowledge.





DOCUMENT YOUR WINS

Think of all you have accomplished this summer – write down the highlights, summarize them, and add them to your resume and LinkedIn profile. Things to include:

- A brief explanation of your experiences
- Links to visual examples of projects you worked on

BONUS: KEEP IN TOUCH

Whether the company makes a full-time job offer or not, don't lose the connections you've made. Send a short email or connect on LinkedIn, you never know when your paths may cross again in the future!