



How do I develop a plan to secure an internship?

The first thing to do before you start your internship search is to develop a plan.

- **Identify your priorities** - What are you hoping to gain from your internship experience? In what city/location do you want to work? In what industry are you thinking of interning?
- **Identify your skills** - What unique skills do you possess? Are there specific areas in which you are proficient? Do you have any previous work experience?
- **Set your timeline** - Internships can fill up rapidly, so plan ahead as much as you can. Depending on the industry you are targeting, you may need to start applying months or even as much as a full year in advance. Some highly competitive industries, such as consulting or investment banking, may require specific GPAs, and only accept students who have finished their sophomore year or beyond in school. Government agencies, such as the State Department will perform background checks on prospective interns, which alone could take months.

Questions?

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