

TOP 5 REASONS TO CONSIDER A SPRING SEMESTER ACCOUNTING INTERNSHIP:

1. Fully immerse yourself in the company culture! Spending more time in the office allows you to make deeper connections to the staff and get a wholistic picture of being an accountant.
2. Score a full-time job offer before your senior year! If you do a great job, the firm could extend you an offer to work for them full time after your graduation.
3. Learn more! During the busy season, you will be exposed to more projects than summer interns.
4. Set yourself apart! Less students take advantage of spring internships, so you can showcase your dedication and work ethic above and beyond other students.
5. Receive competitive pay! Firms pay their interns well and interns are eligible for overtime pay.

The Graham Office of Career Management recommends accounting students considering a career path in public accounting plan for a full-time spring internship during college. Don't just take our word for it, below are quotes from UK students who successfully completed full time internships.

Working full time allowed me to be fully invested in the work I was doing. I didn't have other obligations that would distract me. It also gave me a better understanding of the work environment and what to expect when I actually begin my career.

-Camryn Muss, BKD

Full time is a no brainer. [I planned for my internship] sophomore year. I knew if I wanted to have a good shot at receiving a job offer before graduation, I needed to do an internship. By working part time you don't get to fully immerse yourself in the company culture. Full time you are there for every meeting, every company lunch, every chance to interact with the staff.

-Madison Lewis, Blue & Co.

[There is] more experience outside of a classroom and being able to network. Also, it is really good to go through a busy season as an intern, because there is less pressure on you than if you were a full time associate working through your first busy season.

-Bailey Littrell, PwC

There is no better public accounting experience than busy season. You get to see what it's actually like and get real experience under your belt. It was great to see a real day in the life of a full time employee to make sure I actually enjoy what I am doing. Similar to people studying abroad, plan it out as far in advance as possible.

-PJ Rigby, LBMC

Full time allows you to create strong relationships with a firm. It also allows you to see what busy season is like and how to balance a very full workload. I planned for an internship about a year before it occurred. I finished up all of my classes to complete my major so that I could do an internship my last semester of undergrad.

-Leah Jessee, Crowe

Before taking the leap, you probably have considerations such as: housing options in the city where your internship takes place, what classes you can be enrolled in at UK, the schedule of a full time intern working 8am-6pm or later, and the work load that is expected of you as an intern.

We have resources to help with these considerations!