

# Department of Economics

## Graduate Internship Information

The Department of Economics encourages graduate students who have completed at least 18 credit hours to consider internships as a way to complement their coursework at UA. Internships offer students a bridge to professional employment upon graduation and provide the Department with feedback on the relevancy of the curriculum in the workplace.

Students can receive one to three academic credits (3250: 695 – Graduate Internship in Economics) for the semester. Normally, a minimum of 100 hours of relevant internship work is expected for each academic credit. Total internship credit over all semesters may not exceed 3 credits and can count towards the economics course requirement for the MA in Economics.

The internship will be coordinated through the Department of Economics and must be approved by the Department of Economics Graduate Program Director prior to registering for the course. The internship must involve career applications of the student's graduate coursework in economics.

For more information, contact the Director of Graduate Studies, Dr. Sucharita Ghosh. Please contact her by phone at (330) 972-7549, fax (330) 972-5356, or e-mail at [sghosh1@uakron.edu](mailto:sghosh1@uakron.edu) if you have questions or wish to set up an appointment.

Information on internship opportunities can be found at two offices on campus.

### **Arts and Sciences Careers Program**

This office provides a wide variety of information on careers, job search, in addition to providing information on internships for social science majors.

*Contact Information:*

Olin Hall 325  
330.972.5714  
<http://www3.uakron.edu/ascareer/interns.html>  
[careersprogram@uakron.edu](mailto:careersprogram@uakron.edu)

### **Center for Career Management**

This office will assist you whether you are seeking a co-op/internship, full-time permanent employment, or researching career paths. The Center also sponsors a career fair during both the fall and spring semesters that features more than 100 employers, many offering internship opportunities.

*Contact Information:*

**Location:** Simmons Hall, Room 301  
Akron, OH 44325-4306  
**Phone:** (330) 972-7747  
**Fax:** (330) 972-7748  
**E-mail:** [uaccm@uakron.edu](mailto:uaccm@uakron.edu)  
**Co-op E-mail:** [can@uakron.edu](mailto:can@uakron.edu)  
**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday  
8:00am-5:00pm  
Wednesday evening:  
5-7pm  
**Walk-In Hours:** Monday-Friday: 11am-4pm  
Wednesday: 11am-7pm

In addition to these UA offices the following is list of businesses or organizations that have either offered internships to our majors in the past or have contacted our department regarding internship opportunities.

Some specific organizations who offer internships or who have recently contacted the department regarding internship opportunities follows:

## **First Energy Corporation**

The First Energy internship program is designed to cultivate your professional skills and provide meaningful insight into the rewards of pursuing full-time, professional-level work. At FirstEnergy, this means that you'll get a personalized development plan, on-the-job training, and challenging assignments that will refine your skills and round out your competencies.

FirstEnergy offers a variety of co-op internship opportunities in the fall, winter/spring, and summer sessions for graduate students. We have opportunities for students majoring in:

- Engineering (Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Mechanical or Nuclear)
- Business (Business Administration, Finance, Accounting, Economics, Supply Chain)
- Mathematics
- Statistics
- Logistics
- Computer Science/Information Technology

*Contact Information:*

College Recruiting  
Christina Ross 330-384-3727  
Lead Corporate College Recruiter  
[cmross@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:cmross@firstenergycorp.com)

Angela Durnan 330-761-4363  
College Recruiter  
<mailto:adurnan@firstenergycorp.com>

Carol Brown 330-374-3052  
Administrative Assistant  
<mailto:cjbrown@firstenergycorp.com>

Our website is <http://www.firstenergycorp.com>.

## **Westfield Group Insurance**

Westfield's internship program is designed to provide meaningful college internships for students seeking 'real-world' experience. We want to best utilize the talents and energy of the interns that work with us to help build relationships with future business leaders.

College students participating in Westfield's internship program benefit from a variety of educational opportunities designed to prepare students to succeed in their desired field, including training, mentoring, job shadowing, networking activities and performance management. We want to ensure the time our interns spend at Westfield is a valuable part of their college experience.

### *Contact Information:*

Diana K. Sorrell, PHR  
University Relations and Recruiting  
One Park Circle  
P.O. Box 5001  
Westfield Center, OH 44251  
330.887.0335  
[http://www.westfieldgrp.com/jsp/careers/work\\_westfield.jsp](http://www.westfieldgrp.com/jsp/careers/work_westfield.jsp)

## **City of Akron Office of Economic Development**

The Mayor's Office of Economic Development serves as the direct liaison for the City of Akron to the business community. Our goal is to create attractive opportunities for existing Akron companies to successfully grow their businesses and to assist companies and entrepreneurs looking to start-up or relocate new business operations in the Akron area. To meet this goal, our staff philosophy is to think outside the box and provide businesses with creative economic development opportunities, alternatives, solutions, and assistance to meet their specific needs and goals.

### *Contact Information:*

Mayor's Office of Economic Development  
166 S. High St., Suite 202  
Akron, OH 44308  
(330) 375-2133  
(330) 375-2335 fax  
<http://www.ci.akron.oh.us/ed/index.htm>

## City of Akron Capital Planning Division

The Capital Planning Division administers the City's program of capital improvements.

### *Contact Information:*

Capital Planning Division  
Manager: Chuck Heimbaugh  
<mailto:Heimbch@ci.akron.oh.us>  
(330) 375-208  
<http://www.ci.akron.oh.us/planning/cip/index.htm>

## Goodyear

### CO-OP & INTERN PROGRAMS

#### Goals

- Provide students with an opportunity to learn about their chosen field
- Allow students to get a feel for the Goodyear organization and culture
- Identify students who may be a good fit for employment at Goodyear after graduation

#### Work Assignments

- Goodyear offers a wide variety of potential work assignments
- Provide meaningful work
- Help develop skills of the students

#### Program

- Goodyear's co-op and intern program is very well established
- Interact with students from other universities at work and outside of work
- Tours of Goodyear facilities
- Presentations by Goodyear leaders

### *Contact Information:*

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

1144 East Market Street  
Akron, Ohio 44316-0001  
(330) 796-2121  
Fax: (330) 796-2222  
[http://www.goodyear.com/careers/careers\\_student.html](http://www.goodyear.com/careers/careers_student.html)

## **Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland**

Offers summer internship opportunities in a wide variety of areas including research, statistics, and analysis. Apply on-line at:

[http://www.clevelandfed.org/about\\_us/Career\\_Center/internships.cfm](http://www.clevelandfed.org/about_us/Career_Center/internships.cfm)

## **AfterCollege Monthly Digest for University of Akron Department of Economics Students**

AfterCollege, Inc.  
98 Battery Street, Suite 502  
San Francisco, CA 94111

### **Gain the Experience You Need to Succeed**

Nothing looks better to future employers than a combination of academic study and realworld experience. The National Security Agency's Cooperative Education Program and internship opportunities give you both.

Visit <http://www.aftercollege.com/op/op.asp?id=2550&src=435957799> to apply online and for more details about our programs.

- Application deadlines are quickly approaching, so get started on your application today.

### **Cooperative Education Program:**

In the Cooperative Education Program, exceptional students majoring in Computer/Electrical Engineering, Computer Science, and select business fields alternate semesters between a full-time education and full-time employment. Each work tour is designed to help you focus on specific career tracks within your major.

### **Internships:**

An internship at NSA is an excellent way to gain practical knowledge in your field, whether you are an undergraduate or a graduate student. Internships are offered in a variety of majors, including Computer Science, Mathematics, Language, and more. Each internship is designed to help you gain experience and accumulate credits toward your degree. There is also the possibility of permanent employment with NSA once you

graduate.

U.S. citizenship is required. NSA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

This information is intended to be shared only with students or recent graduates within your program and should not be distributed outside of the department or association.

**AfterCollege, Inc. 98 Battery Street, Suite 502, San Francisco, CA 94111  
New Jobs**

For more events, and announcements exclusively for Department of Economics students, visit the [Job Resource Center](#).

## **Federal Aviation Administration**

The Washington Center will offer an exciting program with the **Federal Aviation Administration** once again this summer. Selected students from a variety of majors will have the opportunity to intern for Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) offices and participate in an experiential training program. Participants will gain relevant skills and knowledge, explore career options within the Department of Transportation and learn more about the role of the federal government. **Students with diverse backgrounds and those with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.**

### **Applicants must:**

- be U.S. citizens.
- have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above.
- be enrolled in a degree-granting program with 60 or more credit hours completed.
- get approval from their campus liaison (if they come from an affiliated institution) or sponsor (if they come from an unaffiliated institution and will complete the full, for-credit program); contact The Washington Center for details.

### **Dates & Deadlines:**

- All applications must be received by February 2, 2009 to be considered for the FAA.
- Interns will need to commit to 10-weeks at the agency, beginning in early June.

### **Compensation:**

Graduate and undergraduate interns not seeking credit will receive fully-furnished housing while in DC as well as a substantial monthly stipend to offset personal costs. Students seeking credit are encouraged to contact The Washington Center for more information. Those who do not request Washington Center housing will have their stipends adjusted accordingly. Details about housing can be found at [www.twc.edu/students/where.shtml](http://www.twc.edu/students/where.shtml).

## **Application Procedures:**

To apply for the FAA internship program, students should complete The Washington Center's application, available online at <https://secure.twc.edu/twc/default.jsp>. When prompted, students should select internship, then Option 2 for Government Scholarship Programs and choose Department of Transportation from the drop-down menu. The Washington Center application has been streamlined for this program and should only take a few minutes to complete; if you have any questions about the required components, please contact us.

Thank you for bringing this opportunity to the attention of students you think might be strong candidates for admission. With any questions about the FAA opportunities available through The Washington Center, please contact Danielle Gaquin at [danielle.gaquin@twc.edu](mailto:danielle.gaquin@twc.edu) or (202)238-7906.

## **The Heritage Foundation**

Every summer, hundreds of students come to Washington, DC to see how things really happen in our Nation's Capital. The Heritage Foundation Internship Program attracts young conservative leaders of the highest caliber. Our paid interns have real jobs, acquire policy expertise, build marketable skills, enhance their resumes, and attend events where they can meet and talk with the nation's leading policy-makers. Specifically, our interns work with Heritage experts in such areas as homeland security, tax and budget reform, religion and civil society, the rule of law, and foreign affairs. Additionally, for young entrepreneurs, interested in learning management skills, Heritage offers the opportunity to work in donor and government relations, information systems, marketing, administration, and online communications.

The Heritage Foundation's Summer 2009 Internship Program deadline is approaching on February 1st. Please make sure to let your students know about the great opportunities our program offers. Rising juniors, seniors, and recent graduates are all eligible, as well as international students who have work authorization. Applications for the program must be submitted through our online form, available at <http://www.heritage.org/internships>.

## **Intern Abroad Program**

I am writing to follow up on a recent email I sent regarding several intern abroad opportunities through The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars. The following exciting summer 2009 programs allow your students to combine study abroad with a substantive internship:

**The Washington, D.C.-London Program** (now in its third year)

**The Washington, D.C.-Oxford Program** (new in 2009)

## **The Washington, D.C.-Sydney Program** (new in 2009)

Designed as a seminar in the nation's capital followed by an internship placement with programming and rigorous academic study in one of the above cities, each program will help your students gain a valuable comparative understanding of culture and professional life--an important asset in today's global workforce.

For further information please visit our new website at <http://www.twc.edu/internabroad/> or contact us at [internabroad@twc.edu](mailto:internabroad@twc.edu). Please don't hesitate to be in touch if you have any questions or would like further information about these programs. We would be happy to provide you with materials that can be distributed to students to notify them of these programs.

Thank you for bringing these opportunities to the attention of students you think might be strong candidates for admission.

**The application deadline for all three programs is February 27, 2009.**

Sincerely,  
Joseph Johnston, Ph.D.  
Senior Vice President  
The Washington Center  
Email: [internabroad@twc.edu](mailto:internabroad@twc.edu)

Contact: The Washington Center, 1333 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036

## **2009 Summer Internship Opportunity**

Are you interested in a paid internship that will give you the opportunity to gain valuable work experience in Washington, D.C.? Applications are now being accepted for the [\*\*Koch Internship Program\*\*](#).

Come spend the summer interning at the Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation and gain the valuable skills that will equip you to become a non-profit leader and entrepreneur. During the program, interns develop the knowledge, skills and experience necessary for careers with market-oriented think tanks, policy institutes, and other nonprofit organizations. This hands-on experience gives interns the chance to explore the non-profit sector, while applying [\*\*Market-Based Management®\*\*](#), a management philosophy that emphasizes long-term success.

The application deadline for the Koch Internship Program is March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009. For complete program information please visit our website <http://www.cgkfoundation.com>.

## **Department of Defense**

## **Economic Policy Research, Georgia State University**

The internship is targeted to rising seniors in economics and other social sciences who have interest in graduate studies. While at GSU, the interns work on a research project with a faculty mentor, they participate in seminars and roundtable discussions, and visit policy institutions in Atlanta. The goal is to familiarize them with a graduate studies environment, to help them decide on their future study plans, and to enhance their graduate school applications. The research projects are in a wide range of areas including international, fiscal, health, education, regional, urban, and environmental economics. Many of our past interns have gone to leading graduate programs such as the ones at the University of Chicago, Harvard, Minnesota, and Yale. The interns receive a \$3,300 stipend for the seven weeks of the program. The program is funded by the National Science Foundation and we've run it for ten years.

Students can find further information, an application form, and contact numbers at the program's Internet site:

### *Contact Information:*

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Associate Professor of Economics  
Director, Summer Internship Program  
404-413-0162  
nvalev@gsu.edu  
<http://aysps.gsu.edu/intern/>

***The contacts below are about a year old. The department has had no communication with these organizations since spring 2008.***

## **ValMark Securities, Inc.**

Independent NASD broker dealer licensed in 50 states based in Akron Ohio. A market leader in the area of wealth transfer and business insurance.

### *Contact Information:*

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<http://www.valmarksecurities.com/contact1.html>

## **SS&G Financial Services**

We are SS&G Financial Services, Inc., certified public accountants and advisers. We provide accounting and auditing, tax, employee benefits, payroll, and consulting services to thousands of clients across a variety of industries. In addition to our tax and accounting practice, our firm name, SS&G, encompasses the entities SS&G Healthcare Services LLC and SS&G Wealth Management LLC. We also work closely with our payroll affiliate, Paytime Payroll Services.

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