

Externship Program

What is an Externship?

An externship is a brief (2 or 3 day) shadowing experience designed to provide students with direct career information and experience. During the break between CentreTerm and spring term, students spend a few days shadowing alumni working in career fields of interest to them. Students will go where they go and do what they do. This is a great opportunity for students to “test drive” a career to see if it is something they would like to pursue further. Spending a short period of time on a job can help students determine if that is the right type of career for them and will make them better-informed future interns or entry-level employees.

How can students participate?

This is a competitive program for which students must apply. In late October/early November, each sophomore, junior, and senior will be given a list of participating alumni and asked to select their top three choices. Career Services then does its best to match each student with the alumnus in whom he/she is most interested in shadowing.

What do past participants say about the program?

All of the feedback from both students and alumni has been overwhelmingly positive. Below are some quotes from student participants.

“My externship experience was wonderful. The doctor I worked with allowed me to assist with procedures, which was more than I had expected. It gave me some useful hands-on experience and a close-up look at the medical field. It went well beyond my expectations.”

“My externship showed me the ideal picture of where I could be in my career in 25 years – and it showed me that Centre can make that vision possible.”

“I learned more about journalism in my 3 day externship than I did in 4 years of journalism in high school. I feel I got the most realistic perspective I could have and I now know where I want to try to get an internship.”

“The externship program gave me confidence that a liberal arts education can be a benefit, not a hindrance, for pursuing a career in the business field.”

“My experience with the Centre Externship Program far exceeded my expectations. It was a great start in pursuing a career in law.”

If you or your students have any questions about the Externship program, please do not hesitate to call Career Services at 5283. Otherwise, tell students to look for the Externship booklet in their mailboxes in the fall. Don't let them miss out on this great opportunity!