

# INTERNSHIP GUIDE: FOR THE HUMANITIES

## THE BENEFIT OF INTERNSHIPS:

Internships are arguably the best way to:

- Gain valuable work experience and insight into a career or field of study
- Clarify future career goals
- Build professional skills and become more marketable
- Network with professionals in the industry

*“As a student studying the Humanities, you have endless post-graduate options. How do you decide what to do beyond your years at PLU? On-campus jobs, part-time jobs, volunteerism, research, and/or study away, are great ways to explore your interests and strengths.”*

## TOP SKILLS EMPLOYERS ARE LOOKING FOR IN COLLEGE GRADS:

- Verbal communication
- Teamwork
- Problem-solving
- Planning, organizing and prioritizing work
- Obtaining and processing information

## EXPERIENCE MATTERS!

- 91.2% of employers prefer hiring candidates with relevant or any type of work experience.
- 57% of employers prefer experience gained through internships\*

## ARTICULATING THE VALUE OF A HUMANITIES DEGREE:

*Gain experience from companies and organizations that see the value in the transferable skills gained through an education in the Humanities:*

**-Formulate and solve problems -** Critical analysis skills are invaluable within the classroom as well as the professional world.

**-Working effectively in group situations** - Listening to others, synthesizing ideas, and producing a final product transfers into all employment contexts.

**-Organize and summarize complicated material** - Organization is beneficial for time management and optimum productivity.

**-Integrate data and construct useful analogies** - A balance of interpersonal and technical skills contributes to being a well-rounded applicant.

**-Write clearly and effectively** - Clear writing is a skill that every student can transfer into the work environment, allowing him or her to debate ideas, articulate thoughts, and persuade others.

Contact Career Connections:  
253-535-7459

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## HOW DO I START?

- Explore companies and organizations whose missions connect to your values.
- Conduct informational interviews and job shadows via Lute Link and LinkedIn to learn how your strengths and talents fit within professional contexts.
- Attend networking events such as career fairs, panels, and info sessions to meet employers who are recruiting students for internship experiences.
- Meet with a Career Counselor in Career Connections by calling **253-535-7459** to discuss your internship goals and strategies on how to locate a meaningful internship.

*Example Industries for Humanities Interns and Graduates: Business, Education, Communication, Non-profits, Law and Government.*

## INTERNSHIP EMPLOYERS IN THE HUMANITIES:

- **Research/Political Science:**
  - Legislative Internship Program
  - World Trade Center Tacoma
- **Museums:**
  - Harbor History Museum
  - Tacoma Art Museum/Museum of Glass
  - LeMay - America's Car Museum
  - Pacific Science Center
  - Children's Museum of Tacoma
  - Museum of Flight
  - Burke Museum
- **Music/Theatre:**
  - Tacoma Symphony Orchestra
  - ACT 1 Theatre Productions
- **Environment:**
  - Nisqually Land Trust
  - Citizens for a Healthy Bay
- **Social Justice/Advocacy:**
  - African Chamber of Commerce of the PNW
  - Crystal Judson Family Justice Center
  - Justice Leadership Program - Seattle, WA
  - World Vision
  - Korean Women's Association
  - Susan G. Komen for the Cure
  - Degrees of Change
  - United Way of Pierce County

*"On a daily basis I was using two fundamental skills inherent to a humanities education: figuring out complex problems with a group of people, and how to effectively convey an idea through writing. Overall, I believe my humanities background provided a strong foundation from which I could build."- PLU Hispanic Studies student*



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