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

THE BENEFIT OF INTERNSHIPS:

“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.
- Integrate data and construct useful analogies - A balance of interpersonal and technical skills contributes to being a well-rounded applicant.
- Working effectively in group situations - Listening to others, synthesizing ideas, and producing a final product transfers into all employment contexts.
- 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.
- Organize and summarize complicated material - Organization is beneficial for time management and optimum productivity.

*National Association of Colleges and Employers, 2015

Contact Career Connections:
253-535-7459
PLU, Ramstad Commons 112
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.


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