
My Internship Was Cancelled! Now What?

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused many internship programs and opportunities to be temporarily suspended. To help you make the most of your summer, here are ways you can still build skills and be career-ready from home!

BUILD YOUR NETWORK

- Take some time to refine your [resume](#) and make sure all sections of your [LinkedIn](#) and [Handshake](#) profiles are completed. Need help or want us to review? Schedule an appointment through [Handshake](#) and a career counselor will review your profiles with you
- Go through your social media profiles to make sure all of the content is appropriate
- Research [professional associations](#) for your area of interest and look into joining as a student member (at a possible discounted rate). As a member, you can participate in upcoming virtual events and contact members to request informational interviews
- Connect with professionals and alumni to do virtual [informational interviews](#). You can find [alumni on LinkedIn](#): click on “see alumni” on the left-hand side to search by major, career, or geographic area. Not sure where to start? Schedule an appointment on [Handshake](#) and a career counselor can help you search for contacts and prepare appropriate questions
- Check out employer events on [Handshake](#). Many are offering virtual open houses and live chats with employees

PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE

- Unsure what you want to do within your career path? Use resources to research options such as [ONet](#), [Career One Stop](#), and [What Can I Do With This Major](#)
- Use tools such as the [NACE Salary Calculator](#) to determine an appropriate entry-level salary range for your industry
- Research financial information with sites like [Money Under 30](#) to find strategies to budget, pay off student loans, and understand employment benefits
- Determine what companies and work environments are a good match for you. Check out sites like [Glassdoor](#) and [Handshake](#) to learn more about different company cultures
- Create an e-portfolio or professional website using [Google Sites](#) or [Wix](#)
- Look into [graduate programs and schools](#), and develop ideas for your [personal statement](#). Not sure where to start? Schedule an appointment on [Handshake](#) for personal assistance

KEEP LEARNING

- Many study abroad programs have added virtual courses taught at universities abroad as well as online internship opportunities in international cities. Contact [Kim Justeson](#) for information
- Look at programs like [Coursera](#) and [edX](#) to take free classes related to your area of interest
- Use apps and sites like [Duolingo](#) to build on your language skills
- Sharpen skills you will need for the future. Check out things like [Toastmasters](#) for public speaking, or go through [CodeAcademy](#) to get a basic understanding of HTML
- Partner with a faculty member to see if there is a way you can help with a research project