How to Find an Internship
Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering

Why should I look for an internship?
All students should plan to have two work experiences prior to graduation. Most companies require students to have work experience before being considered for full-time positions.

What year in school must I be to look for an internship?
Companies who hire interns are generally looking for juniors or seniors. Companies can select from a large pool of candidates, so they usually choose students who are further along in school. However, students are eligible to intern after completing their first year.

What resources does Georgia Tech have to find an internship?

Georgia Tech Internship Program – The Center for Career Discovery and Development handles internship and co-op positions. Students must be registered for the internship or co-op program in order to apply to job postings.

- Requirements to participate in the internship program:
  - First year students must complete 30 hours of coursework before starting an internship.
  - Transfer students can begin to look for work during their first full-time semester; however, they must complete at least twelve (12) hours in order to be cleared for work.
  - A minimum GPA of 2.0 and be in good academic standing.
  - Acceptance into the internship program.

- How to apply to the internship program:
  - Application instructions are at: www.gtip.gatech.edu/application_process.html
  - Complete the internship orientation at: www.gtip.gatech.edu/online_orientation.html
  - Go to CareerBuzz and create a new student account. Instructions can be found here: www.gtip.gatech.edu/p2d2_careerbuzz.html
  - Schedule a meeting with your C2D2 advisor, Tina Payne (tina.payne@gatech.edu), on CareerBuzz.
  - Apply for internships on CareerBuzz.
  - CareerBuzz Database and Instructions: https://gatech-csm.symplicity.com/students/

- How to register an internship once you have secured a position:
  - Instructions can be found here: www.gtip.gatech.edu/intern_job_placement.html

What other resources are available outside of Georgia Tech to look for an internship?

- Websites external to Georgia Tech:
  - www.internships.com
  - www.simplyhired.com
  - www.aftercollege.com
  - www.monstertrak.com
  - www.internweb.com
  - www.internships4you.com
  - www.collegegrad.com
  - www.dice.com
  - www.internjobs.com
  - www.wetfeet.com
  - www.indeed.com
  - www.ceeFP.org/get-involved/internships (fluid power internships)
  - www.internsource.com
  - www.volunteermatch.org
  - www.monstertrak.com
  - www.internjobs.com
  - www.internships.com
  - www.simplyhired.com

- Internships in research, national labs and government jobs:
  - www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/
  - www.twc.edu

- Non-profit internships and community service (most are not paid):
  - www.idealist.org
  - www.service.gatech.edu/index.php
  - www.volunteermatch.org
  - www.quintcareers.com/volunteering.html

- Attend on-campus employer information sessions with a resume if you are interested in that particular company. http://career.gatech.edu/pages/employer_info_sessions.php

- Attend the Georgia Tech Internship Career Fair in January. www.gtip.gatech.edu

- Attend Georgia Tech’s virtual career fair: www.gatech.careereco.net

- Attend ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers) meetings and network with employers who give those presentations. They also sponsor a career fair every September.

- Use the Chamber of Commerce to find companies in specific cities. www.chamberofcommerce.com/business-directory
How to Find a Co-Op
Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering

Why should I look for a co-op?
Cooperative Education is a five-year, academic program designed to complement a student's formal education with paid practical work experience directly related to the student's academic major; co-ops alternate semesters of on-campus study with semesters of full-time employment.

What year in school must I be to look for a co-op?
Companies who hire for co-ops are generally looking for younger students who can grow and learn over the series of at least three work rotations. Most undergraduate co-op students begin the program as sophomores, but students can begin as soon as the summer after their first year.

What resources does Georgia Tech have to find a co-op?
Georgia Tech Co-op Program – The Center for Career Discovery and Development coordinates co-op positions. Students must be registered for the co-op program in order to apply to job postings.

- **Requirements to participate in the co-op program:**
  - First year and transfer students are eligible to apply without restriction during their first semester at Georgia Tech.
  - First year students must complete at least one semester of school prior to the start of the co-op rotation.
  - Have a minimum GPA of a 2.0 and be in good academic standing.
  - Have at least three school semesters remaining after the first work term.
  - Be enrolled full-time the semester prior to the first work term (summer is an exception).

- **How to apply to the co-op program:**
  - Application instructions are at: [www.gtip.gatech.edu/application_process.html](http://www.gtip.gatech.edu/application_process.html)
  - You may be required to attend a co-op orientation.
  - Go to CareerBuzz and create a new student account. Instructions can be found here: [http://www.coop.gatech.edu/p2d2_careerbuzz.html](http://www.coop.gatech.edu/p2d2_careerbuzz.html)
  - Schedule a meeting with your C2D2 advisor, Tina Payne ([tina.payne@gatech.edu](mailto:tina.payne@gatech.edu)), on CareerBuzz.
  - CareerBuzz Database and Instructions: [https://gatech-csm.symplicity.com/students/](https://gatech-csm.symplicity.com/students/)

- **How to register a co-op once you have secured a position:**
  - Students who are starting a co-op must meet with Tina Payne to obtain the permit. Instructions are found here: [http://www.coop.gatech.edu/registration.html](http://www.coop.gatech.edu/registration.html)

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