Externships Provide Valuable Experience

Career Services facilitates an externship program where IPFW students are placed with company hosts to give them a short-term job shadowing experience, the opportunity to network with professionals, an inside look at company operations, and sometimes the chance to work on a small project. This semester **24 students** committed 2–5 days over their spring break to extern with 18 host companies.


Students reported valuable experiences, including:

- Attending business meetings
- Touring company facilities and receiving orientation presentations
- Meeting with staff and conducting informational interviews
- Working with new software and equipment
- Learning how to set up and arrange events
- Drafting applications for grants
- Observing interactions with clients
- Sitting in on hearings and court trials
- Helping with fundraising events

The externship program chiefly targets university breaks in the spring and fall, but some students have expressed interest in this opportunity during other times. If you are interested in becoming an externship employer host, please contact Kayla Klimasko, career development graduate intern, at klimkr01@ipfw.edu or 260-481-6139.