

Making Appropriate Choices for Internship Experience

Faculty/Staff should use this document to help guide discussion with students who are seeking internship experience. Ask the questions listed below each description. Answering mostly “yes” in a category could indicate an appropriate choice for the student.

❖ Academic Internships

Academic internships are credit-bearing internships offered through academic departments. Each academic department sets its own criteria for awarding credit to students for internship experiences. Academic internships are appropriate for upper-level students who seek an experience closely-tied to his or her major. Students are not typically allowed to enroll in credit internships outside of their major.

• Questions to Ask:

- Does the student’s major offer credit for internships?
- Is the student seeking an internship related to his or her major?
- Is the student in his or her junior or senior year?
- Is the student in good standing within his or her major?
- Is the student looking to stretch his or her knowledge beyond what is taught in the classroom?
- Is the student looking for an experience that will help him or her develop hard skills in a specific discipline?
- Is the student looking for an experience with a credible employer who is monitored by an academic department?
- Is the student looking for a very structured experience?
- Is the student looking for an experience that will earn Official University recognition?
- Does a credit internship fit within the student’s grad plan, and is the student financially able to enroll in the course?
- Does the student demonstrate maturity and motivation?

❖ Rebeli Intern Program

Rebeli is a non-credit internship program offered through UNLV Career Services. Rebeli was designed to compliment academic internships as well as serve students whose majors do not offer academic internships. Rebeli is appropriate for students who are in at least their third semester of coursework and who have expressed a clear sense of career direction. Additionally, students who wish to structure an experience without enrolling in credit are also assisted.

• Questions to Ask:

- Does the student’s major not offer credit for internships, or is the student ineligible for credit?
- Is the student seeking an internship outside of his or her major?
- Is the student in at least his or her third semester of coursework?
- Is the student in good standing with the University and not on probationary status within his or her major?
- Is the student looking to stretch his or her knowledge beyond what is taught in the classroom?
- Is the student looking for an experience that will help him or her develop soft skills such as critical thinking, responsibility, and professionalism?
- Is the student looking for an experience with a credible employer who is monitored by Career Services?
- Is the student looking for an experience that will earn Official University recognition?
- Is the student financially unable to enroll in an internship for credit?
- Does the student demonstrate maturity and motivation?