Engineering Internship Program – Graduate Students

What is the Engineering Internship Program?

By participating in the Engineering Internship Program at McCormick, students have the opportunity to gain practical work experience with an employer in industry, commerce or government. Internships are defined as a single work term, usually in the summer, directly related to the student’s academic major and/or career goals.

Who Can Participate in the Internship Program?

All graduate students in good academic standing may participate in the Engineering Internship Program. Students may participate in an internship during ANY quarter of the year. You will be enrolled as a fulltime student, with no tuition charges. You may return to the same employer for more than one internship and could qualify to convert a Graduate Student Internship into a Graduate Student Co-op.

How Do I Get an Internship, and What Do I Do When I Get One?

1) Attend the MS Career Bootcamp prior to starting classes
2) Schedule a Graduate Initial Appointment with your Career Development Advisor
3) Work with a Career Development Advisor to create a strategy for your internship search
   a. Apply for jobs using McCormickConnect, CareerCat and employer websites
   b. Attend Career Fairs, Company Days, Company Information Sessions, and other recruiting events
4) Interview for positions during McCormick Interview Day and other on-campus interviewing events
5) Accept an offer
6) Report your hire in McCormickConnect
   a. Upload your offer letter
   b. Schedule a Registration Meeting with your Career Development Advisor
7) After your meeting, your advisor will enroll you in an Engineering Internship course (CRDV411-x)
   a. Course maintains full-time student status
   b. Zero tuition, zero credit
   c. Experience appears on your transcript
   d. Submit an evaluation of your experiences for a Satisfactory ("S") grade, which does not impact GPA
   e. Participate in a performance review process with your employer

International Students:

For international students with F-1 visa status, the Engineering Internship Program is recognized by Northwestern University as Curricular Practical Training (CPT). CPT allows students to obtain less than one (1) year of work experience while pursuing an undergraduate degree. In order to apply for CPT, you must bring an application form and an offer letter to the Registration Meeting with your advisor. Additional information can be found on the International Office website.