



2008 Chicago Studies Internship Program College of Mass Communication and Media Arts Fact Sheet for Employers/Sponsors

The Chicago Studies Internship program began in 1998. Participants include both undergraduate and graduate students in the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts (MCMA). MCMA has Studies Programs in Hollywood, Chicago, New York City, Nashville, and Washington, D.C. The objectives of our program are to accomplish the following: introduce students to a professional/creative work setting, provide a relevant internship experience, provide professional development opportunities and exposure to working professionals during the summer, and assist students with career preparation/decision-making and enhance job placement.

The program officially lasts eight weeks, **June 9 through August 1**, running concurrently with our summer semester. Interns are covered by SIUC's **liability insurance** during the length of the program. Interns are required to **register for course credit** during the Summer 2008 term.

Financial compensation for interns is up to the site sponsor. Our students are encouraged to consider internship opportunities based on the experiences and learning opportunities that are available. Internships may be paid, unpaid, or a stipend from the sponsor may be provided. However, students are required to register for internship credit hours through SIUC and do have to pay tuition so any financial compensation is always appreciated.

Intern sponsor responsibilities are:

1. Provide a professional environment for the student to gain real-world experience.
2. Complete the Internship Agreement form, which indicates the planned work schedule, starting and ending dates, and a general listing of duties for the intern.
3. At the end of the internship period, complete an evaluation form on the intern and return it directly to the Internship Coordinator. Although the sponsor does not have to handle any *grading* aspect of the internship, the evaluation must be received before a student's grade can be recorded.

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