

Typical Economics Intern Responsibilities

The goal of an internship in economics is to apply knowledge acquired in the classroom to real-world situations, as well as gain the skills and experience that is necessary to prepare the student for a successful career in economics.

UW Oshkosh Economics Highlights:

Economics is, first and foremost, a conceptual approach – a way of thinking about policies, decisions, and their implications. We prepare our students for a wide variety of career options, by providing them with a set of analytical skills that can be broadly applied in business, government, consulting, and research. Economics is also about research. Our majors take Econometrics, a course requiring them to develop and complete their own research project. Many of our majors have been hired specifically for their research skills. Several have received Undergraduate Research Grants to strengthen their research skills, and a number have made presentations of their research at the Midwest Economics Association meetings, the Wisconsin Economics Association meetings, and various undergraduate research forums throughout the state.

Internship Overview:

Internships are professional experiences that students participate in to gain professional skills and experiences. Internships are structured as learning experiences that combine in-class theory with real-world applications. A valid experience for economics majors is an internship or co-op that requires skills and knowledge obtained from College of Business economics courses. Positions should be similar to an entry-level position that these students would get out of college. As interns, economics majors can perform a wide variety of functions. Typically, their main responsibility is helping organizations understand the economic and financial factors within the organization.

Specific responsibilities may include:

- Create tools to help Sales and Marketing members make better business decisions
- Assist in creation of legal reports
- Research, analyze and communicate trends and insights pertinent to organization
- Design solutions to reach business goals
- Evaluate the financial and economic issues of an organization
- Assist in creation of information web pages
- Run audits on various departments within an organization

Projects students have done in the past:

- Established a movement plan through the continental and non-continental United States
- Researched and compiled data having to do with industry
- Created web pages with pertinent information for the industry
- Facilitated the establishment of connections between employees and their clients
- Performed market data analysis
- Dealt with SEC settlement
- Help run audits on various departments with the company
- Assisted in maintaining commercial deals