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Internships: The Competitive Edge

“Investing in UMass Boston’s Federal Work Study Internship Program (FWSIP)”

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NACE Internship Stats

▶ Interns Stats

- ▶ Offer rate: 70.4%
- ▶ Acceptance rate: 79.6%
- ▶ Conversion rate: 56.1%

▶ Co-ops Stats

- ▶ Offer rate: 50.2%
- ▶ Acceptance rate: 79.3%
- ▶ Conversion rate: 39.9%

- ▶ Average hourly wage for interns is \$19.05

Handshake Stats

Number of Internships in Handshake:

- ▶ **2,000+**

Number of Internships in Massachusetts:

- ▶ **500+**

Number of Internships in Greater Boston (15 miles):

- ▶ **400+**

Average Intern Salary:

- ▶ **\$17.00**

Average MA Intern Salary:

- ▶ **\$17.31**

Competitive Advantage of Internship Experience

- ▶ A survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers indicates that the starting salary for college graduates who completed a paid internship and were employed in a private, for-profit company was **\$53,521**, while those who didn't complete an internship started with an average of only **\$38,572**.
- ▶ The same study found that **72.2%** of college graduates with internship experience got a job offer, in contrast to **36.5%** for those who didn't complete one.
- ▶ These numbers show that pursuing an internship during your college years can add a **competitive edge** on your side, increasing your opportunity to get a well-paying job after graduation.

Connecting with UMass Boston

- ▶ Over 12,000 undergraduates with over 4,000 graduates, 10 colleges, over 100 departments and a multiplicity of Centers and faculty/staff resources
- ▶ Majors include: Community Development, Urban Planning, Human Services, etc.
- ▶ 60% of our student population is First-Generation
- ▶ Did you know that 24/7 Wall St. ranked UMass Boston as the 3rd most diverse 4-year school in the nation? Check out this [link](#) to learn more.
- ▶ 75-80% of graduates stay in the Greater Boston and New England area
- ▶ Students that utilize Career Services within 6 months of graduating were 5 times more likely to obtain a job out of college, than students who did not utilize Career Services

Federal Work Study Internship Program (FWSIP) Summer 2021

Program Goals:

- Increase partnerships between UMass Boston and industry
- Improve college retention and completion rates among UMass Boston students
- Reduce student debt levels
- Improve post-graduate employment outcomes

Financial Coverage of Internships: FWS funds can be used to cover the following costs:

- For-profit organizations: 50% of student wages
- Non-profit/government/qualifying small businesses: 75% of student wages

To Inquire about the FWSIP for **Summer 2021**, **Fall 2021**, or **Spring 2022** please contact:

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