HELP STUDENTS GAIN EXPERIENCE!

OFFER AN INTERNSHIP

ARE YOU interested in helping Lafayette students gain valuable work experience and career information while also receiving needed help in your workplace? Offer a Parent-Sponsored Internship.

What Is a Parent-Sponsored Internship?

- A one- to three-month work experience at your workplace; the duration depends upon your needs
- Most occur during the summer, although some students do commute to internships during the academic year
- Internships can be part-time or full-time, paid or unpaid, but the student should have a structured and supervised work or service experience. Paid internships are preferred.
- Internships are posted to the Career Services online Job Vault. Students apply directly to you or your designee. You select students based on your requirements.

What Are the Key Elements of an Internship?

- A balance between the learning objectives of the student and the specific work your organization needs
- Challenging and meaningful work
- A supervisor (you or your designee) to work with the intern closely and provide feedback

“I believe the students gain a real appreciation of the day-to-day aspects of a busy suburban pediatric practice along with neonatal subspecialty exposure, which is valuable in guiding him/her in choosing a career path in medicine.”

Phil Goldstein ’70 P’07, a pediatrician in Rydal, Pa.
Lafayette interns are motivated workers who bring new perspectives to old problems.

Interns complete projects and/or research problems for you.

Interns bring energy, a positive attitude, and fresh ideas to your workplace.

Lafayette interns enjoy being challenged in a work environment and applying their classroom knowledge to real-world situations.

As an intern host, you connect with Lafayette students in a very personal way.

Why Do Students Participate?

- To develop and enhance skills
- To gain hands-on experience
- To obtain valuable feedback on strengths and weaknesses
- To learn more about specific organizations
- To evaluate potential careers
- To become more competitive with other college graduates who have internship experience

Can’t Participate? Consider a Parent-Referred Internship

- Even if you cannot personally hire an intern, you can still be a resource for students interested in interning at your organization by posting a Parent-Referred Internship.
- Provide Career Services with information about available internship programs at your organization and how students can apply.
- Consider allowing students to contact you directly with questions about the realities of working at your organization.

How Do Internships Benefit Parents?

“A lot of people in college don’t have a clue what it’s like to practice law... Law school is a big commitment. I thought offering this experience would be helpful in the evaluation of whether to go or not.”

Susan Rosenthal P’08, a partner in the law firm of Sheppard Mullin, New York City

Sign Me Up!

- Complete the internship host application and return to Career Services.
- Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.
- The form is also available for downloading online at www.lafayette.edu, select “Quick Links,” “Career Services,” and then “Volunteer with Us.”
- For help developing an internship description, contact Rachel Nelson Moeller ’88, (610) 330-5115, moellerr@lafayette.edu.

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THE LAFAYETTE Experience

- Student-focused teaching and mentoring by an exceptionally qualified faculty, committed to each student’s success
- A challenging, broad-based academic curriculum that offers strong programs in the liberal arts, sciences, and engineering
- A small college environment with large college resources
- A friendly residential community offering an exciting social life with a broad spectrum of extracurricular activities