Experiential Learning

Want a job after graduation? That’s the goal, right? Studying and making the grade is no longer enough in today’s economy. Practical work experience related to your major is the competitive edge that can make the difference in your job search after graduation.

**EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**

**WHAT IS IT?**

It’s learning by doing! The Cooperative Education (Co-op) and Internship Office is dedicated to helping you gain practical work experience in your field BEFORE you graduate!

**WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?**

- Sets you apart from other candidates (even those with better GPAs!)
- Helps you earn money during college AND boosts your full-time salary upon graduation
- Contributes to the choice of proper major based on your interests and skills
- Provides a great opportunity to network with others in your field of choice

**COOPERATIVE EDUCATION**

A paid full-time position with a company for three alternating semesters (a total of one year of work experience upon graduation) that allows a student to have increasing responsibility as time passes.

**CO-OP REQUIREMENTS**

- 2.5/4.0 GPA
- Freshmen must complete one academic year before going to work (student can interview DURING their freshman year!)
- Transfer students must complete one academic semester (student can interview DURING their first semester on the MSU campus)

**INTERNSHIPS**

Can be paid or unpaid and is a full-time practical work experience for one semester only, usually during the summer, and is normally a specific project based on company need.

**INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENT**

- Full-Time Student Status and in Good Academic Standing

**SIGN UP**

Attend one of our information sessions that take place each semester, or visit the Co-op and Internship Office in 335 McCain Hall.