

61.1%

of students offered full-time employment had internship experience

Source: NACE 2017 Internship & Co-Op Survey Report

Top **2** items sought on a recent graduate's resume:

- Internship experience
- Industry experience



Source: Job Outlook 2018. NACE

81% of college seniors have completed at least one internship

Source: NACE 2017 Internship & Co-Op Survey Report

INTERNSHIPS MAKE A DIFFERENCE



For employers who have formal internship programs, **75%** of them use the program to target full-time employees

Source: NACE 2017 Internship & Co-Op Survey Report

Key Attributes Employers Seek:

- ⇒ Problem-Solving Skills
- ⇒ Ability to Work in a Team
- ⇒ Communication Skills
- ⇒ Leadership

Source: Job Outlook 2018, NACE



Internships are a proven way to gain relevant knowledge, skills, and experience.

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internship PROGRAM

student information



Internship opportunities exist in all fields of study at the Gordon Ford College of Business with positions available across multiple industries, giving students real-world experience and a larger network of contacts. Students not only have the chance to earn course credit but often can find **permanent employment** as a result of contacts made in the industry. An internship is designed to connect classroom learning with the business community.

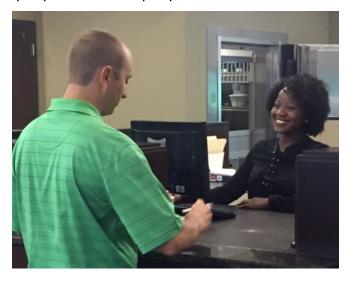
INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE

Internships are an investment in your

future! They provide an opportunity to meet those currently working in the field as well as a chance to see what's involved in a typical work day. Through meaningful real-world experiences and networking, internships provide a strong career foundation for students and offer a competitive advantage for future employment. Internship experiences introduce you to a potential career, perhaps a potential employer, and provide an opportunity for students to build a more substantial résumé.

"My internship confirms my passion for

finance. I like working with people and helping them better their lives. One of the most important lessons I learned is that people bank with people."



—Jessica Anderson Finance Intern First Farmers & Merchants Bank

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