5 Tips For Summer Internships

Summer is right around the corner and a great way to make the most out of this free time is to get some internship experience. Internships help develop your skills while giving you real life experience into your career field. Here are 5 tips to get you started!

Update your resume: One of the keys to landing a good internship is having an excellent resume. Make sure your resume is up to date and includes all your relevant skills. Remember to add not only work experience, but life experience as well. Some employers may ask for your grades along with your resume so make sure to obtain an official transcript if necessary. Order transcripts online here registrar.yorku.ca/transcripts.

Identify the type of internship: Finding the right internship will be based on your field of study or future career path. Look at companies you might want to work for in the future. For example, if you study finance, explore companies such as Deloitte, KPMG, or PwC. Use online resources such as LinkedIn, Indeed, or the York Career Centre to help broaden your search.

Know your application deadlines: Timing is extremely important when applying for internships. Learn the application deadlines and make sure to stick to them. Employers will not accept late submissions.

Apply for several internships: The best way to find the right internship is by keeping your options open and applying to a broad range of possibilities. Apply for as many internships as possible to increase your options.

Prepare for the interview: Once you have successfully landed a few interviews it is important to prepare yourself. The interview is one of the most important parts of the hiring process so it is important to be ready. Research the company, position, and field in which you are applying. You want to show the interviewer that you provide value. Good luck!

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Winter is officially here and midterm exams are approaching at the speed of light. The winter blues and the stress of exams can make it difficult to stay focused on school and career priorities, but fear not! The Human Resources Students Association (HRSA) is here to help you survive and thrive at this difficult time of the year!

“What are my career options in the HR field?”, “How can I market myself to prospective employers?”, “What is the best way to prepare for a course?” and “What resources are available to me?” – These are some of the many questions asked by HR students. Our HRSA executive team is able answer many of these questions and share resources with students. The HRSA hosts many events throughout the school year. Event highlights from this year include our Career Panel, Resume Workshop and CHRP Info Session. The HRSA aims to not only enrich your educational experience at York but also strives to prepare you for your career beyond university. Attending our events is a great way to gain insight into HR career paths and make some great friends along the way. Our team is working on some exciting projects for this term that you do not want to miss out on!

Our last event took place on Tuesday, February 5th from 3-5 pm in HRM S.O.S. at Aroma Espresso Bar. Students met with upper year student mentors to network and gain knowledge about HR, business management and HR courses at York. Drop-in to our other events for study and assignment help. Food and refreshments are provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

Follow the HRSA on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn to stay up to date about all of our events throughout the semester!

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Vice Presidents of Communication and Mentorship (HRSA)
Affordable Housing Committee

Here is an interview with a representative from the Affordable Housing Committee aimed to better inform all of you of this extremely interesting organization.

What is the main purpose of the Affordable Housing Committee?
The Affordable Housing Committee’s goal is to create on campus accessible and affordable housing. We are hoping to create apartment style housing units with a cooperative model, which would provide collaborative living styles along with affordable pricing. We are hoping to break ground on this initiative within the next five years.

What are some of the Affordable Housing Committee’s past achievements?
Some of our past achievements include hiring a housing consultant to help us create a business plan, winning the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) student challenge, which involved designing affordable student housing, and meeting with York administration to discuss plans for making our vision a reality.

What are the main goals within the next 5 years?
Within the next 5 years, we are hoping to gain support from the broader York community. Our goal is secure a land-lease with York University which would then allow us to secure Seed funding, which is interest free loans and grants, from CMHC. From this point, we can begin the initial stages of the planning process—designing the apartment-style buildings, hiring developers, architects, and construction teams to bring this project to life.

How does the Affordable Housing Committee get support from York and/or external organizations?
The Affordable Housing Committee has had considerable support from a number of York organizations such as CUPE 3903, OPIRG York, Regenesis York, YFS, YUSA, YUFA, and YUGSA. Their ongoing support has helped us with our achievements. These organizations have supported us through funding and active participation in our endeavors.

Who is involved as part of the Affordable Housing Committee?
Our committee is made up of over 40 professors, students, and community members with a wide array of academic backgrounds. If anyone is interested in joining, they may email us at ahc@yorku.ca.

Is there anything current students at York can do to support the Affordable Housing Committee?
Students can support us by voting for us during the referendum happening this March! This is an opportunity for the committee to gain funding towards our initiative and begin making real strides towards our goals. Learn more at www.housing.info.yorku.ca.

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