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For All Students

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Mastodon Internship and Career Fair Offered Earlier for 2024

Hello students,

Are you are considering an internship or co-op next summer—or are you on track to graduate this academic year?

The Mastodon Internship and Career Fair is coming up this Friday (Sept. 13). This awesome opportunity is always a source of great support and inspiration for those who attend. Everything will take place between noon and 3 p.m. in the Lutheran Health Fieldhouse.

This year's fair is four weeks earlier than in the past. The change was in response to employer requests as they are moving their timelines up and recruiting earlier to fill open positions for summer 2025. We want YOU to be at the front of the line to be considered by top employers!

What does this all mean for you? To start, it means getting prepared by updating your résumé to include your summer experiences, practicing your elevator pitch, and having your professional attire ready.

- No time for an appointment? No problem. You can submit your résumé to resumereview@pfw.edu and receive feedback from a career counselor. I suggest you do it NOW; the turnaround is usually 48 to 72 hours.
- Need practice with your elevator pitch? The Career Development Center is hosting **Prep for the Internship and Career Fair** on Tuesday from 3 to 6 p.m. in Kettler Hall, Room 109, where you will meet with employers and others to help you get ready. That includes things like résumé review, elevator pitch creation, and mock interview exercises. As an added incentive, if you register on Handshake, pizza will be provided.
- And last, but just as important, plan ahead for dressing professionally. The Career Closet has open house hours coming up where you can select a complete outfit, or individual pieces such as a shirt, tie or jacket, so you can make a great first impression.
- Go to Handshake for more details, sign up for these events, and research the employers attending.

Did you know over 65% of students completing an internship or co-op receive full-time offers from their internship organization? If you are doing an internship, but not ready to graduate, the recruiter will stay in touch with you until you complete your degree.

Did you know positions are often advertised as “entry level,” but then require one-year experience? How does that work? Internships! Rather than setting it up on your own, it’s even better when you complete an academic internship where you are enrolled in a university internship/co-op course that will then appear on your transcript. The university can provide support throughout the internship experience for you.

Did you know employers also search Handshake for résumés that fit their open positions? Is your résumé uploaded to Handshake? Has it been reviewed by one of our career counselors? Make your résumé a priority.

And last, the word “Development” is in the Career Center title for a reason—your professional skills need to develop just as your technical skills are growing in the classroom. It doesn’t happen overnight, but it does happen with intentional awareness and practice. Career Development Center team members are your partners. Visit them soon, and sign up to **prep for the fair** today.

All my best,



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