

WRIT 40273: Writing Internship FAQs

What kinds of work do interns do? Write TV scripts, magazine articles, newsletters. Manage social media accounts or create SEO content. Develop ad campaigns or write grants. Build websites. Compose videos or community outreach materials. Create document templates for lawyers or non-profits. Copyedit books or journals.

How do I set up my internship? Procedures for setting up internships and enrolling in WRIT 40273 are available by clicking the “Internship Resources Guide.” Use the “English Department Internship Agencies” guide or check FrogJobs for internship openings.

Do I have to choose an agency from the department’s list? No. With approval of the department internship coordinator, you may arrange an internship with any agency that meets the course criteria. Complete the form at the end of the “English Department Internship Agencies” guide and email it to the internship coordinator.

How many hours will I work? A minimum of 8 hours per week. Some agencies require slightly more. Interns negotiate work schedules with their agency supervisors.

Will I get paid for my internship? Most agencies don’t pay interns. The experience, however, is invaluable. Students who can’t accept an unpaid internship without financial assistance can apply for the Intern Scholarship Program run by the Career and Professional Development Center <https://careers.tcu.edu/students/internscholarship/>

Can I do my internship in the summer? Yes! Many students intern at workplaces close to home.

Can I do an international internship? Yes! TCU’s Career and Professional Development Center works with IES Internships. IES offers full- and part-time internships on 5 continents. You choose the location, and they’ll match you with an employer in your field. You may also be able to set up an internship during a regular TCU Study Abroad program.

Can I do more than one internship? You can—and should! WRIT 40273 may be repeated once for credit, but don’t stop there. Employers seek job candidates with multiple internships.

Do I need special training or skills to be an intern? Agencies may look for working knowledge of specific software programs, but most provide whatever training you need—and lots of professional mentoring.

Need help? Contact Dr. Ann George, Internship Coordinator a.george@tcu.edu