

WHY INTERNS?

Now more than ever, internships and other work-based learning opportunities, serve as a critical component to developing the future workforce in Collier County. These opportunities engage, prepare, and retain local talent! Interns instantly add value to the culture, perspective, and productivity of any size business or organization.

BENEFITS FOR BUSINESSES

- Create an ongoing pipeline of future employees
- Support the local community by enhancing workforce development
- Efficient way to “test drive” talent
- Fresh perspective and ideas
- Increase productivity through short term support

BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS

- Gain authentic work experience
- Expand their network and form new relationships
- Learn new technology
- Develop communication skills
- Strengthen their resume

HOW WE SUPPORT

- One on one support during initiation of internship implementation
- Assistance with finding high quality candidates for the position
- Business toolkits with FAQs, Guides for postings, time-lines, sample check-in reports, and more!



ADDITIONAL WORK-BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- Host a Job Shadow
- Provide a mock interview
- Become a mentor
- Participate in a presentation panel
- Host a work-site tour
- Participate in an informational interview
- Conduct a virtual tour

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“By participating as a business partner our intention is to plant seeds of inspiration with our student interns who are about to enter college, trade school, or the work force, expose them to a professional work environment, and help them find their passion. Then we let the world nourish and grow the students and hope the fruits they bear come back to feed our local businesses, economy, and community.”

-Melissa Griffith, Thomas Riley Artisans Guild