Walk the Plank!

Getting Wet with Internships at Shir

Why Do an Internship?
1. Establish interest in chosen field
2. Provide experience & training not possible in the classroom
3. Develop professional & team skills
4. Provide direction & guidance for success
5. Improve communications & research skills
6. Build resumes
7. Encourage networking - good to get
8. Provide an opportunity to "test drive" a career
9. Offer opportunities for students to make important contributions
10. Ensure students get paid
11. Internships gain more confidence and often allow personal growth
12. Help students get jobs

How Do I Get Mine?
In most cases, the students initiate contact with the potential placement/employer. However, faculty may make suggestions concerning internship opportunities and locations.

Outcomes
Projects have been classified either as a variety of
placements with a diversity of
organizations, government agencies, non-profits, and
private enterprises (e.g., college,
state, and
federal), or with their own
organizations.

General/student/field supervision is
available, and an internship
involves the student in
various aspects of the
field.

Many organizations continue to use
these students, and some have their
interns become employment
graduates from the university.