



Career Readiness Programming

The Washington Center (TWC)'s Career Readiness Programming is a mix of workshops, one-on-one career advising, networking events and assignments designed to complement what you'll learn at your internship. Through this programming, you'll develop the professionalism, communication skills and network necessary to excel in any work environment.

Professional Development Workshops

Each semester or summer, TWC offers 30 to 40 events designed to help you navigate the job market and prepare for both personal and professional success in the workplace.

You'll gain access to a range of online professional development workshops, which you can choose to attend based on your interests (or opt to take them all)! These workshops are self-paced, so you can complete them on your own timeline and schedule.

Past professional development workshops have included Professional Goal Setting, Negotiating Salary and Benefits, Professional Branding, Writing a Federal Resume and Virtual Networking.



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The professional development workshops gave me the language, strategies and skills to help me articulate my personal brand. As a result, I'm better positioned to determine what I'm looking for in a career and how to market myself as an asset to prospective employers.

Ryan Wells, from Elon University, interned with Amnesty International

Should you wish to dive deeper into a specific career readiness-related topic, we also offer professional development series. Each series will have multiple discussion-based, group-oriented sessions centered around a topic related to career success. Past examples of this programming include our Diversity, Equity & Inclusion series, CliftonStrengths series and Student Wellness series.



89%

of students agreed or strongly agreed that their career advisor was a valuable resource.

End of program survey results of summer 2020 interns



91%

of TWC's internship sites would consider hiring their intern full-time if a position became available.

SkillSurvey data from TWC internship sites



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Career Advising

You'll work one-on-one with a dedicated career advisor, who will serve as your first point of contact to support you throughout your TWC experience. Your advisor is available to meet individually to help you explore your professional goals, polish your personal brand and maximize your internship experience.



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When I had a problem or challenge at my internship, I would ask my career advisor. It's a great resource to help you through anything that may come up during your internship.

Josette John, from the University of the Virgin Islands, interned with the National Cancer Registrars Association

Networking

You'll be able to participate in a host of networking events that will connect you with TWC's global network of 60,000+ alumni, working professionals and industry leaders. In the past, we've coordinated networking events designed to help students explore career opportunities in politics, international affairs, communications, marketing, advocacy and more.

You'll also build your network through one-on-one informational interviews with professionals working in your chosen field. These interviews give you the chance to gain an insider's perspective on your field of interest and make connections with people who can help you down the road.



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Through TWC's networking events, I was pushed to get out of my comfort zone. I have grown my network immensely and know when I go back home that I will always have someone to contact in D.C. should I need it for a job or even just for career advice.

Anthony Collins, from Fitchburg State University, interned with the Internal Revenue Service

Digital Portfolio

At the end of your semester or summer, you'll leave with an advanced online portfolio to showcase your accomplishments and help you stand out to future employers.

You'll also come away with an in-depth, skills-driven report on the areas in which you excel, where you can improve and how you compare with your peers nationwide. This report will include critical feedback from your internship supervisor and colleagues to help you improve as a professional.

Finally, you'll have the opportunity to reflect holistically on your TWC experience and apply what you've learned to map out your career path and prepare for your next steps in an evolving work world.



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My research got showcased in a company-wide presentation and published in a memorandum. I can now share this with potential employers, which will give me a competitive advantage when searching for a job.

Gregory Harpe, from Monmouth University, interned with the Clark Construction Group