

The Value of a Remote Internship

Advising Guide



In light of the continuing public health crisis, we realize that for many students, participating in a remote internship might seem less attractive than an in-person one.

Yet at TWC, we believe that being able to experience a remote internship will prepare students for the new professional landscape and work environment that has developed in light of COVID-19. We created this advising guide to help you easily explain why a remote internship is a great option for your students.

Virtual internships prepare you for the future of work

- The workplace has been permanently transformed as a result of COVID-19.
- Employees will not be returning to the same office they left behind
- Everyone will need to find new ways to connect and collaborate.
- 67% of companies expect work-from-home to be permanent or long-lasting.
- 70% of employees want a hybrid workplace model post COVID-19.
- Companies have added the **ability to work remotely and independently** to the list of top soft and hard skills they seek in their employees (according to data from SkillsSurvey).
- Knowing how to navigate this new workplace in-person and virtually will give students and recent graduates a competitive advance when looking for a job.

Source: <https://www.pwc.com/us/remotework>

What you'll gain through a virtual internship

Aside from the standard core competencies that you could develop through any internship, there are skills that are unique to a virtual internship that will also matter when launching your career. For example:

- Working autonomously
- Time management
- Proficient use of technology
- Initiative and self-awareness

The impact of the TWC virtual program

- **92%** of remote interns surveyed felt engaged at their remote internship.
- **4 out of 5** students say that the work they completed remotely is just as robust (and sometimes even more robust) than work done in-person.
- On average, students rate their virtual career readiness workshops **4.3 out of 5 stars**
- Over **80%** of students find their dedicated career advisors to be a valuable resource.
- **89%** of internship supervisors who have hosted both in-person and remote TWC interns report that remote interns have demonstrated the same or a higher level of professional growth over the period of their internship.

Source: End-of-semester survey results of TWC Summer and Fall 2020 students and internship supervisors

