

ASU Industrial Design Undergraduate Internship Overview

Internship Introduction

The Industrial Design Undergraduate Internship offers students a means to collaborate with practicing designers in meaningful and relevant off-campus learning experiences that introduce students to the professional office and practice. In addition, students earn academic credit for what they learn in the off-campus experience. The internship goal is to fill the gap between the academic and professional worlds. It is a time when the student can see the profession in a fairly unthreatening manner and get an overview of the profession in all its details. The internship is a part of the BSD curriculum. The internship offers a means to maximize the undergraduate educational experience by expanding professional training and, when feasible, developing strength in special interest areas. The internship will also prepare the student for the transition in academic focus and level of design complexity, which occurs during the final undergraduate year.

Internship Program Guidelines

The internship is a practical learning experience outside the university in a firm providing design services. The experience is an extension of the classroom into the professional office. It is the responsibility of the sponsoring firm to give interns a broad exposure to a full range of professional practice activities, provide meaningful task assignments and guidance, and assign one intern supervisor. The requirements for this internship include full time on-site hours (35 hours per week minimum) during regular office hours between May 10 and August 15, and submission of documentation as described below. Internships are typically 8 weeks in length. To receive credit for the internship experience, the student intern must complete an absolute minimum of 120 hours. Students are eligible to participate in the internship after successfully completing the third year BSD Industrial Design studios (IND 360 and IND 361). International students completing an internship in the United States will register for the IND 484 Internship course during the summer. All other students register for IND 484 the following fall semester.

Materials Required for Internship

These forms are available on the Institute website:

http://herbergerinstitute.asu.edu/students/undergrad/current/internships/forms_design.php

1. *Internship Contract*

The internship contract is filled out by the student, signed by the firm supervisor, and delivered to the School office. The student is responsible for making sure that the form is completed and returned promptly. This form must be completed and filed BEFORE beginning the internship.

2. *Supervisor Evaluation Form*

The supervisor's evaluation form is completed by the host firm after completion of the internship and returned to the School office. It is a primary component required for posting a grade in IND 484. The student should remind the mentor to complete and return the form within two weeks of completion of the internship!

3. *Internship Presentation*

The student intern is required to make a presentation about the internship during the fall semester. Information and images must be collected during the internship for this presentation. Student interns must work closely with their supervisors to determine what images and information will be allowed by the firm to be shown during the presentation.

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