

Internships and Co-ops – what can I expect?

From Fall Internship Surveys (includes co-op data):

- Average Monthly Salary

2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
\$2,355.32 (113)	\$2,290.40 (113)	\$2,747.63 (162)	\$2,687.44 (261)	\$2,643.64 (170)
\$13.59/hr	\$13.21/hr	\$15.85/hr	\$15.50/hr	\$15.25/hr

- To what extent did you find your internship position useful in reaching your educational goals? (5 point scale; 1=low, 5=high)

2005	2006	2007	2008
4.43 (155)	4.23 (169)	4.30 (282)	4.39 (198)

- To what extent would you recommend this internship to a friend or peer? (5 point scale; 1=low, 5=high)

2005	2006	2007	2008
4.48 (156)	4.43 (169)	4.32 (282)	4.37 (198)

- How did you find this position?

	2005	2006	2007	2008
job listing on career services website	5.96%	6.71%	8.03%	4.10%
job listing elsewhere (paper, web)	8.61%	10.98%	8.39%	11.28%
on campus interviewing (Career Services)	5.30%	3.66%	6.93%	7.69%
Career Fair on campus	7.95%	8.54%	11.68%	11.79%
networking with friends and/or family	30.46%	34.76%	31.75%	31.79%
faculty/advisor referral	15.89%	14.02%	9.49%	12.31%
professional organization	3.31%	0.61%	2.55%	0.51%
ROTC	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.51%
Other	22.52%	20.73%	17.88%	17.44%

- When during your academic career did you start this position?

	2006	2007	2008
Freshman year	9.64%	5.56%	6.19%
Summer before sophomore year	10.84%	9.63%	12.37%
Sophomore year	3.61%	2.96%	5.15%
Summer before junior year	22.29%	22.59%	23.20%
Junior year	6.02%	6.67%	3.61%
Summer before senior year	34.34%	42.22%	37.11%
Senior year	13.25%	10.37%	12.37%

Some useful links:

<http://engineering.colorado.edu/activelearning/professional.htm> (general information)

<http://engineering.colorado.edu/activelearning/co-op.htm> (co-ops)

<http://engineering.colorado.edu/academics/international.htm> (international co-ops)

<http://careerservices.colorado.edu/> (link to Career Services)

Internship Data from May Senior Surveys:

- Average Monthly Salary (reported in Senior Surveys)

2005	2006	2007	2008
\$2,094.64 (111)*	\$2,029.75 (79)*	\$2,677.86 (130)	\$2,684.84 (207)
\$12.08/hr*	\$11.71/hr*	\$15.45/hr	\$15.49/hr

- To what extent did you find your internship position useful in reaching your educational goals?
(5 point scale; 1=low, 5=high)

2005	2006	2007	2008
4.17 (180)	4.30 (141)	4.35 (139)	4.01 (225)

- To what extent would you recommend this internship to a friend or peer?
(5 point scale; 1=low, 5=high)

2005	2006	2007	2008
N/A	4.23 (141)	4.35 (139)	4.00 (225)

- Did you receive a job offer from this employer with whom you interned?

	2005	2006	2007	2008
Wanted/received	34.66% (61)	28.36% (38)	27.94% (38)	36.04% (80)
Wanted/didn't received	7.95% (14)	8.21% (11)	10.29% (14)	6.76% (15)
Didn't want/received	18.75% (33)	32.09% (43)	25.00% (34)	21.62% (48)
Didn't want/didn't receive	38.64% (68)	31.34% (42)	36.76% (50)	35.59% (79)

- How did you find this position?

	2005	2006	2007	2008
job listing on career services website	9.34%	10.56%	2.88%	8.85%
job listing elsewhere (paper, web)	7.69%	5.63%	15.11%	3.98%
on campus interviewing (Career Services)	2.20%	6.34%	6.47%	7.52%
Career Fair on campus	20.88%	6.34%	5.04%	11.06%
networking with friends and/or family	6.04%	28.87%	28.78%	27.88%
faculty/advisor referral	45.05%	15.49%	12.23%	14.60%
professional organization	8.79%	5.63%	5.04%	1.77%
ROTC	0.0%	0.0%	0.00%	0.00%
Other	0.0%	21.13%	24.46%	24.34%

- When during your academic career did you start this position?

	2006	2007	2008
Freshman year	2.82%	4.38%	2.68%
Summer before sophomore year	13.38%	10.22%	5.80%
Sophomore year	2.11%	2.92%	3.57%
Summer before junior year	20.42%	23.36%	20.98%
Junior year	10.56%	5.84%	8.93%
Summer before senior year	40.85%	40.15%	47.77%
Senior year	9.86%	13.14%	10.27%

* Data may be understating salary due to the way it was calculated in first two surveys.