

Internship FAQs

1. What is acceptable internship work?

- The student must be provided a well defined project or support position that will add value towards their career goals in the field of information technology. Work in the area of a student's second discipline is acceptable if there is an information technology component. **Clerical work is not acceptable.**

2. Can the project or job duty of the intern change?

- Yes, as long as it continues to add value. If there is a change in the supervisor, Dr. Gowan at Georgia Southern University should be notified by e-mail or phone.

3. When can internships begin and end?

- Internship terms do not have to coincide with the academic calendar, but it helps for students to be able to better schedule and balance their workload and course work if it does. A typical internship requires 15-20 hours per week. Its duration may be across multiple semesters if the sponsoring organization and student so desire. Students need a total of 280 logged hours to fulfill the requirements for an internship. It is helpful if internship positions can be identified and posted:
 - Before Mid-August for Fall internships
 - Before Early January for Spring internships
 - Before Mid-May for Summer internships

4. Do internships have to be paid?

- No, but it is rare that an unpaid IT internship is ever filled. It is our opinion that they should be paid as it tends to increase the student's and organization's sense of obligation to the internship process.