

Internships and Co-Ops in the **School of Liberal Arts and Sciences**

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Fine Arts Program Offers Students the Power to Decide

by Andrew Straub

Unlike some of the more formal internship departments on campus, the Fine Arts Department prefers to rely on the student's motivation and initiative in deciding a location for their internship. Students are encouraged to take the extra step to find an internship opportunity that fits their specific wants and needs instead of relying on an advisor to find the perfect match for an individual.

The Fine Arts Department offers internships in all four areas of their program: art, dance, music, and theater. In the past, art interns have worked in various art galleries and studios. Dance interns have performed with the American Repertory Ballet Company and the Princeton Ballet school. Music interns have worked with various music studios and performing arts groups. Theater interns have worked with New York casting agencies, the McCarter Theater, and public relation firms for various performing arts theaters. If you are interested in a Fine Arts internship, contact Dr. Patrick Chmel with a prospective location and he will evaluate the location.

"The Fine Arts Department has a strong commitment to expanding and developing our internship opportunities for our students," said Chmel. "Its just a matter of student initiative."

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Internships are posted on the Foreign Langage display case located on the 3rd floor in Fine Arts.

Internship Opportunities at the Foreign Language Dept.

by Mary-Johanna Giovannucci

The Foreign Language Department provides a large variety of New Jersey-based internship opportunities for students.

Some of the previous organizations interns have worked with are the American Council for International Education, the Office of Court Interpreting, and the Robert Bosch Foundation Fellowship Program. At the American Council for International Education, students conduct research projects in the fields of international education, study abroad programs, standardized testing and general foreign language study. At the Office of Court Interpreting, students who want to become court interpreters receive hands on experience working inside the courtroom. The internship with the Robert Bosch Foundation Fellowship Program provides students with a chance to get familiar with the political, economic, and cultural environment of Europe and the Federal Republic of Germany.

If you are interested in participating in an internship with the Foreign Language Department, contact Dr. Linda Materna at materna@rider.edu.

Life Skills Internship provided by Millhill

by Crystal Leung

The Millhill Child and Family Development Corporation is a non-profit organization that offers services to young, abused, neglected, and at-risk children, their families and their community. They seek to improve the community one family at a time. The Millhill Center is located in Trenton, New Jersey making it only a ten-minute drive from Rider.

Millhill is a comprehensive early care and education for children ages 2 months to 5 years. They are committed in making a positive change through early care and education, family support, and parenting classes. Most of the programs students will be assisting are in the classroom and monitoring children's daily activities. Activities include assistance with the teacher in learning exercises, arts and crafts, along with other supervisory duties.

They have had a positive history of working with only the Rider University students majoring in education and psychology, but are asking for Rider students of all majors.

Most of the students who intern with Millhill retain valuable skills in childcare and life. The internship is very hands-on and the students will get readily involved very quickly. Psychology and Education Rider student interns get to experience what they had learned in the classroom and incorporate it in real life. "The proximity of child interaction at Millhill is very, very close, so interns learn so much, so fast", said the executive director of Millhill.

They want Rider student interns with a keen interest to work with children from the infant stages to five years old. They consider Rider students of all majors because, "these are skills you are going to not only



Marcelina Guzman, a senior at Rider, currently interns at MillHill.

utilize in your career but in later on in your life when you have kids," Steve Rosen, executive director. Rider student interns will work closely with the kids daily. Millhill is very flexible in collaborating with a student's school schedule. Millhill is open year round from the hours of 7am to 5pm.

More Internship Tips...

- 1. It is never too early to plan a resume because many internship positions require one.
- 2. Make certain to plan a schedule for the semester that you plan to intern that has numerous open times for the internship opportunity to be arranged.
- 3. Dress for success and go to that interview with questions about your duties and your schedule.
- 4. Plan well so that you can have more than one internship opportunity before you graduate.

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