## UF TOURISM, HOSPITALITY & EVENT MANAGEMENT INTERNSHIP PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Our talented and driven students are not your average interns. In addition to being a part of the only Hospitality & Event Management program at a top 5 public university, our students are trained in analytical reasoning, finance and accounting, marketing, human resources, service management and strategic management for various business environments. THEM student interns can help you meet your business goals while they gain experience, leadership skills, and build their network through the internship.

Our goal is to expose our students to the future of the industry, while exposing businesses to the future leaders of it.

## INTERNSHIP PROGRAM SPECS

- This internship program is part of our students' degree curriculum, and internship work must be meaningful and help the student learn business practices. The company must provide each intern experience opportunities in a minimum of 3 departments.
- Full-time internships last 13 weeks (520 hours) and take place during the academic semesters. Semesters are Spring (Jan. April), Summer C (May August) and Fall (August December). Additional 80 hour Field Experience Internship Opportunities are also available to companies upon request.
- Each intern must work with a supervisor at the company who will provide guidance and answer questions throughout the internship.
  - The intern supervisor must complete the following during the internship:
    - The semester prior to the internship, an agreement form signed by the company and the student must be submitted to the THEM department.
    - The company and the student must submit a 13-week work plan to be approved by the department. Plan examples are available in hotels, F&B operations, general event operations and sporting event operations.
    - During the internship the company must complete 4 evaluation forms regarding the student's progress to ensure the intern is on the correct path.
- Employers are encouraged to pay students for their time and talent whenever possible, but may offer paid, unpaid or a stipend internship.
- Students are given a database the semester prior to their internship that lists the companies that partner with THEM on internships. The company can accept or reject intern applications.
- The deadline for students internship applications is: mid-October for Spring, mid-March for Summer, and mid-June for Fall.





