WHAT SHOULD A STUDENT DO TO GET AN INTERNSHIP?

REFLECT	 Ask yourself the following questions: What field(s)/industry interests you? When do you want to do an internship? What quarter(s)? What would you like to get out of your internship? Experience, academic credit, networking, etc. What kind of experience do you already have (including your courses)? How can you <u>connect with professors</u> with a background in your career interest? Can you visit their office hours?
RESEARCH	 Depending on your major, what programs can you apply for and when will you be eligible? Research internship postings- what kinds of qualifications are they looking for? Start a conversation with professors, peers, <u>Career Center</u>, etc. What kind of career development resources are available for students in your major or with your career interest? <u>Research professional associations</u> that professionals in your industry may be involved in. They may have resources specific to undergraduate students and may offer a discount on their membership fees and event registrations for currently enrolled students. Consider reaching out to alumni through <u>Tritons Connect</u>
PREPARE TO APPLY	 Utilize resources available to you (i.e. <u>Triton Career Guide</u>) to prepare templates of your materials: resume, cover letter, <u>curriculum vitae</u>, personal statement, etc. The <u>Writing Hub</u> and <u>LATS Program</u> can assist students with cover letters, personal statements and professional writing projects Practice <u>mock interviewing</u> with a friend or use <u>Big Interview</u> Ask for revisions on your materials
APPLY & ENGAGE!	 Tailor your application based on each posting Consider if you want to or need to get academic credit - look into if you major has an internship course or an <u>AIP course</u> Be present at your internship! Think about goals you can set for yourself (i.e. <u>Professional competencies</u> you want to practice). Consider how you can network at your organization. It's a great opportunity to do an <u>informational interview</u> as well! After completing an internship, consider how you will add it to your resume or how you would talk about it in a grad school application, interview, etc.