

Potential Approaches to the AIP Final Deliverable (Paper/Project)

The following examples offer potential approaches to the final deliverable for the Academic Internship Program, which serves as a demonstration of learning and means of evaluation. *The student and faculty advisor should collaborate to develop an approach and specific content that is appropriate to the nature of the internship, as well as the student's academic discipline and prior preparation.* This list is a resource that is not intended to be exhaustive, and students may work with their faculty advisors to propose approaches not included here. At the same time, we acknowledge that some included examples are not appropriate for all internship settings or disciplines.

Analytical research paper

- Research paper addressing a question or topic relevant to the internship
- Case study analyzing some aspect of the internship context
- Literature review on a topic relevant to the internship
- Scientific report on research findings

Data analysis project

- Statistical data analysis with written report or presentation
- Program assessment/evaluation

Analytical reflection project

- Organized portfolio or compilation of work samples accompanied by written analysis of work and/or critical reflection on internship experience
- Weekly journal, blog, or field notes and final analysis synthesizing learnings with relevant academic frameworks

Applied learning project

- Video or multimedia project, accompanied by written analysis of work and/or critical reflection on internship experience
- Plan or proposal for a program, strategy, or curriculum, including rationale and analysis
- Design project (create an application, website, etc.), accompanied by written analysis of work and/or critical reflection on experience
- Article in the format of a scholarly journal
- Poster presentation

Confidentiality/Intellectual Property: When proposing the paper topic or project, consider the internship site's policies and practices with regard to confidentiality and intellectual property. Students should consult with the internship supervisor before gathering and presenting data or sharing business practices from the internship site. In some cases, organizations expect to review papers or projects containing organizational data prior to submission to the faculty advisor. Inquire about the organization's policies, and plan the timeline for the final deliverable accordingly.