

Pomona College Internship Program

Each semester, the Pomona College Internship Program (PCIP) provides part-time, 10-week internships in a variety of professional settings. Students are eligible for academic credit for the internship, as well as an hourly wage. Geographic locations for the internship sites range from the campus, to the local community, to the greater Los Angeles area.

This program helps students engage in the community and gain practical, pre-professional experience while exploring a career interest. It also encourages students to integrate their liberal learning with the working world outside of academia.

More than 175 opportunities at 100 internship sites are available through the program each semester, representing a wide variety of opportunities. Sites include television stations, motion picture production studios, newspapers, alternative dispute resolution centers and traditional law offices, consulting and financial service firms, scientific research sites, medical service centers, museums, public and private elementary and secondary schools, social services and public policy organizations, and state and local government offices. Student responsibilities have included chemical or biological research, editing or graphic arts layout and design, landlord-tenant mediations and helping to design and teach lessons to elementary school students.

During the summer, students can intern at sites developed by the Career Development Office around the world. Domestic sites have included New York City, Washington, D.C., Chicago and other cities.

The program is administered by the Career Development Office and is open to current Pomona students in all class years. Information and applications are available at the end of the semester prior to the semester of participation. Students who wish to design their own internships are encouraged to discuss their ideas with the internship coordinator.

OFF-CAMPUS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Draper Center for Community Partnerships

In its inaugural year and building on the programs of the former Office of Community and Multicultural Programs and the Hart Volunteer Center, the Draper Center for Community Partnerships fosters mutually beneficial exchanges among community members, students, faculty and staff in order to support educational outreach initiatives, community-based research and learning and other community engagement activities.

On campus, the experiences, ideas and new perspectives that emerge from college-community connections can expand the classroom; enhance critical thinking; encourage students to view themselves as change agents; develop student leadership; support the recruitment and retention of diverse students, faculty and staff; establish mentoring networks among diverse individuals; and help students refine the values and skills that will support-lifelong practices of social responsibility.

Off campus, these activities support the College's responsibility and commitment to contribute to the surrounding communities in which we live and from which we receive intellectual, academic and staffing resources. The Draper Center reinforces existing ties and forges new ones between the College and other community organizations ensuring dynamic, mutually educational and constructive partnerships. Current educational outreach programs include America Reads, the Pomona College Academy for Youth Success (PAYS) and Pomona Partners. Community engagement programming includes alternative fall and spring break trips (Alternabreak) and episodic, weekly volunteer opportunities. An example of community based learning is the course: Theater for Young Audiences, a partnership between the Draper Center, the Department of Theatre and Dance and Fremont Middle School in the Pomona Unified School District.

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