



Internship Program

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY **(Food Science)**

Overview

Prior to graduation, students in Food Science have the option to complete for-credit paid work experiences called internships or co-ops. The hope is to expose students to another segment of the food industry and to encourage those who might choose food science as a career path.

Concentrations of Student Interest

- Food Technology (processing, QA, product and process development).
- Food Packaging
- Food Safety
- Food Chemistry (research & development)
- Food Business & Industry (business, distribution, marketing)
- Food Biotechnology

School's Internship Requirements (length, start/end dates, work environment, etc.)

Full-time during three to six months, but other time lengths can be arranged. Internship is usually completed full time during summer or full-time during school year, but students can arrange for part-time work while taking classes.

Student Selection Requirements

Manufacturer sets requirements for student selection (GPA, academic focus, class, need, specific work areas, geographic, etc.)

Student Responsibilities During/After Internship

Students connect directly with manufacturer to set up the internship. The FS student club has a listserve with companies listed to assist in finding internships. For-credit internships require student to register for up to 3 credits FSC 493 per internships, complete weekly 1-page reports to internship director (Dr. Dolan) and give a final presentation to FSHN department within the first month of the following school term. Student and manufacturer will host internship director for half-day on-site visit in the second half of the internship.

Employer Responsibilities During/After Internship

After internship, employers asked to complete online evaluation for intern and verify hours worked.

Internship Structure

Manufacturer structures the internship, but it would be helpful to structure so that internship includes all operational areas of your business, allowing students to see management functions, staff meetings and financial planning.

Housing

Housing not required, but assistance with housing referrals or company-owned or rented facilities most helpful; when setting pay scales, keep in mind that students will need to cover housing cost if manufacturer company is not near the student's home.

Compensation

Required; manufacturer sets pay scales.

Contact Information (for assistance in designing your internship and soliciting internship candidates)

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