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# Fellowships vs. Internships

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An internship can basically be thought of as an opportunity to gain experience working for a company or organization that otherwise only hires more advanced professionals. Sometimes internships are "trial periods" for students seeking jobs in the company after college, and sometimes they are completed as part of a degree or training program requirement. Fellowships, on the other hand, carry a more academic or scholarly undertone. Fellowships typically involve less day-to-day structure and emphasize the completion of some sort of project that will help participants succeed in their respective fields.

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cover letter about why you want the position and why you are qualified for it, and you may have to provide contact information for professional references. For many fellowships, because of the nature of the experience, applicants must write at length about specific research or projects that they will use the fellowship time and funding to complete.

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In most cases, fellowships carry fixed-amount stipends, rather than hourly wages. This is partially due to the decreased day-to-day structure of most fellowships – many fellowships do not require fellows to log a certain number of hours or clock in or out when they are working on their projects. Fellows are typically more independent and working on projects at an advanced level; whereas interns are typically assisting with entry-level operational and administrative tasks.

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This key difference is likely related to the fact that many fellowships are reserved for post-college students or professionals, but nonetheless: fellowships are a lot less likely to come with course credit payments or no payments at all. This is important to keep in mind when choosing internships; while the experience may very well be worth working for free all summer, doing so is not feasible for everyone. On the other hand, working for credit may be appealing to students who are hoping to graduate early.

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Focus	Focuses on developing	Provided to students or
	a student by offering	trainees interested in
	them to study in a	exploring and gaining
	specific field with a	more work experience
	range of activities like	n a particular area of
	research, graduate	expertise
	studies etc	
Eligibility	Meant for graduate or	Usually for students in
	post graduate students	their final year or fresh
	willing to excel in any	graduates
	discipline of their	
	choice	
Duration	A fellowship can go for	Last between several
	between a few months	weeks to a month(s)
	up to a year or a short	
	period	
Compensation	Most are paid in terms	Can be paid or unpaid
	of a stipend or an	depending on the type
	allowance	of industry.

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