

Career Connections

A UNG Career Services Publication



That's a wrap!

As we conclude another successful academic year, we extend our gratitude to our faculty and staff collaborators for their support. Their ongoing partnership has played a vital role in the achievements of Career Services and our students. Below are a few examples of how you contributed to our success:

- Referring students for individual appointments for major/career exploration, internship/job search, resume/interview assistance, and graduate school research
- Promoting (and donating to) Nigel's Career Closet
- Encouraging attendance at career fairs and employer events
- Inviting Career Services to present in the classroom
- Promoting participation in our newest event - Senior Career Signing Day

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Employer Spotlight: Enterprise Mobility



The future is looking bright for 4 UNG students interning with Enterprise Mobility.

Jessi Marquardt, Enterprise Mobility Talent Acquisition Manager, is frequently on campus recruiting top UNG talent. We asked Jessi a couple of questions about the internship program and the success of UNG students.

Q: Tell us about the Enterprise Mobility Internship Program.

A: The Enterprise Internship is an amazing experience. During this paid internship students have the opportunity to do exactly what the Full Time Management Trainees do! The interns work at local branches along with the rest of the team. As part of the internship, students can network with other interns and upper management, work on customer service and sales skills, work on marketing projects, and see what it takes to run a business. Top performers have the opportunity to possibly be part of the accelerated internship and move up one level from intern with the chance of receiving a full-time job offer! At the end of the internship, top performers are recognized and receive an extra bonus!

Q: Can you share an Enterprise-UNG success story?

A: Bryan Taylor started as an intern with Enterprise 19 years ago. He moved his way up to Assistant Manager, Branch Manager, Area Manager, Region Rental Manager, Region Vice President, Vice President of Rental, General Manager, and was most recently promoted to Vice President of Southeast operations and works in the corporate headquarters in St. Louis just 2 levels down from the CEO!

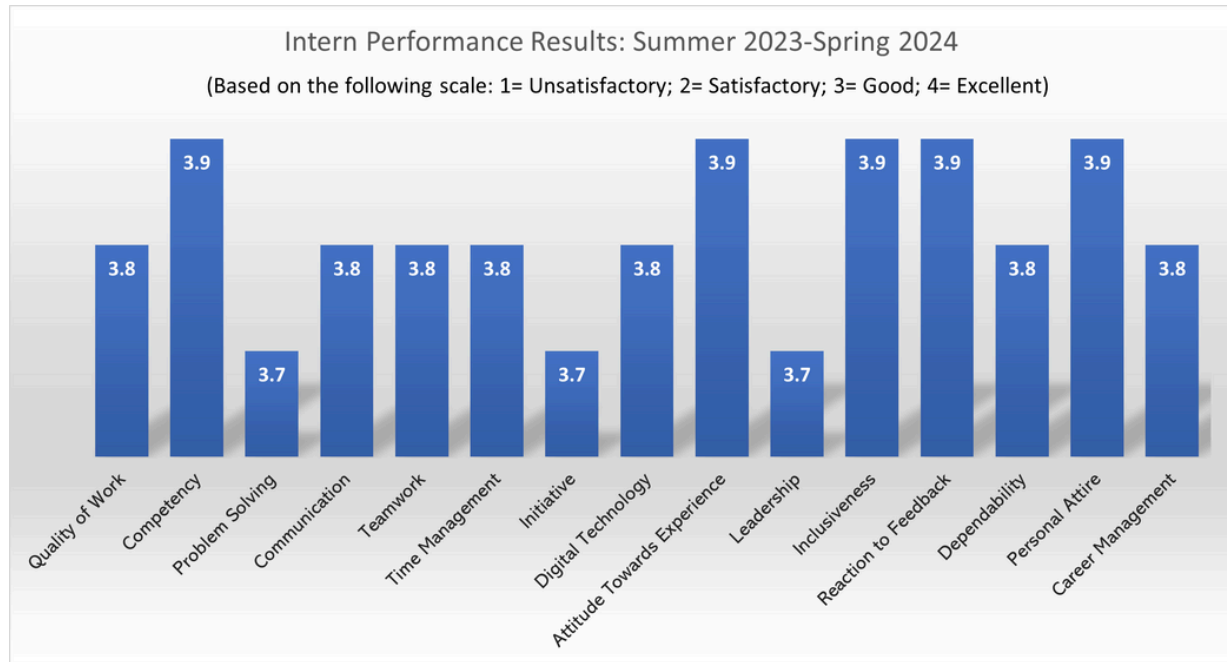
Enterprise internships are open to **all majors** and are offered in three key areas:

- Enterprise Mobility Management
- Accounting
- IT

To learn more about Enterprise Mobility Internships, please refer students to Career Services.

Internship Performance Feedback

At the conclusion of every semester, Internship Site Supervisors receive a Performance Evaluation Form to assess each intern. This form is structured around the 8 Career Readiness Competencies established by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE). Below is an overview of the data for the period spanning Summer 2023 to Spring 2024, along with some supervisor feedback.



English major- Dahlonga campus

“Student’s performance exceeded all expectations! Beyond her obvious writing talent, her greatest strength was the care that she put into each story. Her commitment to quality work and attention to the fine details is incredibly appreciated.

She was communicative, timely, and a team player, taking on additional duties as needed to help output the best possible stories. Her attitude was always friendly and positive, and she was not afraid to ask for help or additional support when needed. She was self-aware and demonstrated excellent time-management skills as well. We have no recommendations on areas for improvement-she checked every box we had and then some! She was an absolute joy to work with and our entire team is going to miss having her around! We wish her the best of luck on her very bright future!”

Psychology major- Dahlonga campus

“Student brought positive energy and created healthy relationships with the clients and staff during the time of her internship. She made an impact on the residents and became more of a team member than a temporary intern. She was very interested in learning all areas including the direct work with the clients as well as the administration perspective.

She was very eager to learn and ask questions to improve in areas that can be challenging such as understanding boundaries and appropriate de-escalation techniques per individual.”

Biology major- Gainesville campus

“Student was a model intern this semester. She fit right in with the team, showed passion and enthusiasm and was dependable. The program she did as part of the internship requirements was well planned and thought through. She was a pleasure to host this semester and definitely has a knack for environmental education.”

Celebrating UNG Interns!

Elizabeth Bennett- History

How did you hear about your internship?

I heard about the internship when I received an email from Career Services for an info-session on the **Georgia Legislative Internship Program**. Little did I know I would end up applying and actually earning a spot in the program!

What has been the most valuable (or favorite) part of the experience?

The most valuable part of my experience is working for something bigger than myself. It is extremely rewarding to work within the Government because I know I am helping the people of Georgia, even if I am only an intern.

How will this help you in the future?

My ambitions include going to law school and I plan to use this opportunity to learn the specific areas I could practice that would be most fulfilling for my future career.



Dominick Ledesma, Political Science/Pre-Law

How did you hear about your internship?

I initially saw a post on UNG's Political Science and International Affairs Instagram, which promoted an informational meeting about the **Georgia Legislative Internship Program**. From there, I asked my professors about how I could learn more information, attended the meeting, and made the decision to apply.

What has been the most valuable (or favorite) part of the experience?

Although I am pursuing a degree in political science, I have gained invaluable political experience throughout this internship by interacting with the legislative process: meeting legislators, interacting with lobbyists, idea generation, and bill enactment. There is truly no better way to learn something than immersing oneself in the appropriate environment.

How will this help you in the future?

As a Political Science major, I worried if I would ever be able to practically apply my degree and skills in the workforce, but this opportunity has reassured me that there are plenty of routes I can take when beginning my career.



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Grace Greenwich, Communications & Public Relations

How did you hear about your internship?

I learned about this internship through previously assisting in weddings with **Winey Blonde Events** in the past. I asked my boss, Karen Adams, if she had any positions for interns and she allowed me to take on more responsibility in the business such as, researching, emailing, phone calls, and attending meetings with couples before their big day.

What has been the most valuable (or favorite) part of the experience?

My favorite part of the experience was the tight-knit communication we have with each other. The bonds with each other make this job fun to do and I love the variety of different venues and couples.

How will this help you in the future?

This position will show me how to represent a wedding planning business professionally and assist others in interpersonal communication. These soft skills will help me in the future by being able to translate these skills into any relatable position. My dream is to take my skills to a national park to do communication, public relations, and/or media producing and help others relate to one another. Another potential dream I have is to become a flight attendant for a short period to go and see the beautiful world!



Faith Forrester, English-Writing & Publication

How did you hear about your internship?

I heard about the **UNG Press Internship** while I was taking Introduction to Publishing; my professor, Dr. Robinson, told me that she ran a press at UNG and I saw the internship form on their website. I filled it out and the rest is history!

What has been the most valuable (or favorite) part of the experience?

My favorite part of interning at the UNG Press was getting to read all the amazing book queries. I fell in love with almost every single one that I read. All the books that they publish are great quality and worth a read.

How will this help you in the future?

The skills that I learned from the internship are going to be a great aid in my career path. I am grateful for all the book recommendations that the Press gave me; I learned so much about publishing, marketing, layout and designing, editing, writing, and so much more.



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Thao Pham – Graphic Design



How did you hear about your internship?

I heard about **Bosmos LLC** internship via LinkedIn.

What has been the most valuable (or favorite) part of the experience?

I think the most enjoyable part of this internship is working in a field where I don't use any design tools like Adobe. Initially, I thought I would be using design tools, but most of my work involves research. Sometimes, it can be quite boring because I must read a lot, and I believe that UX is an indispensable part of the field of user interface (UI) design. It's not just about creating visually appealing interfaces but also about improving user experience and optimizing their interaction with the product.

How will this help you in the future?

I think for a recent graduate who lacks experience, an internship will make the resume more favorable in finding a full-time job in the future.

Summer Career Chats

Encourage your students to join us for a virtual career chat this summer.

Register on [Handshake](#) or [UNG Connect](#).

6/11	Finding your Why	4 pm (zoom)
6/25	Writing your Resume	4 pm (zoom)
6/27	Navigating Life after College	4 pm (zoom)
7/2	Relocating for a Job	4 pm (zoom)
7/9	Ace the Interview	4 pm (zoom)
7/10	Your 401K & Salary Negotiation	4 pm (zoom)
7/16	LinkedIn: Making Connections	4 pm (zoom)
7/23	Negotiating Salary & Understanding Benefits	4 pm (zoom)