Internships and Research Opportunities

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Ice Breaker!
Presentation Time!
What is Experiential Learning?

- A process through which students develop knowledge, skills, and values from direct experiences outside of a traditional academic setting
- Exploration through experience!
- Types of Experiential Learning
  - Ex: Internships, undergraduate research, study abroad, service learning, fellowships, research assistantships, student teaching, and volunteering
What is the Experiential Learning Center?

- CU Denver’s primary resource for the coordination of experiential learning
- Emphasis on an unparalleled student experience
- Unique office in a university system
Missions and Values

- Assist in internship and research process
  - Internship search, application process, resume and cover letter help, mock interviews, internship evaluation, etc
- Ensure high-quality experiential learning opportunities
  - You are our priority!
Finding Experiential Learning Opportunities

- Handshake: Available through the [ELC website](http://elc.example.com)
- LinkedIn
- Indeed.com, Internships.com, Google Jobs
- Word of mouth
- Professional Network
Internships at CU Denver

- High profile internships of CU Denver students
  - Ernst & Young
  - Pixar
  - Architecture Workshop
  - Lockheed Martin
  - Denver Health
  - Denver Public Schools
  - Denver Police Department
  - Anschutz Medical Campus
Internship Facts

- Chance to apply classroom knowledge into the world of work
- Networking opportunities
- Evaluation opportunity for students
- Paid internships at CU Denver average $14-$16/hr
Internship Facts (continued)
For CU Denver internships, 55% of employers offered their interns a position after the internship cycle!!!
EURECA!

- **EURECA! Work Study**
  - Uses Federal Work-Study awards to support students in research
  - Matches students with qualified faculty

- **EURECA! Fellows Program**
  - Highly competitive summer research program
    - 40 hours a week
  - $4,500 stipend
  - Open to all disciplines
    - Meant for experienced student researchers

- **Summer Lynx Academy**
  - Entering research for new students
  - Course code: UNIV 1111
Research Facts

- Research: Scholarly activity in your field of study
  » Not just working in a lab
- There are funding opportunities!
  » Check your work-study eligibility
- Research experience matters
  » Extensive research experience makes you a stronger candidate for graduate school and many fields
**Summary**

- The ELC is a unique resource that helps with coordinating experiential learning.
- Experiential learning helps clarify your professional aspirations while making you a more qualified and candidate.
- There are a number of positions, companies, and opportunities to choose from.
Questions?
CU Denver Resources

- LynxConnect (Tivoli 439) (303-315-4000)
  - Experiential Learning = ELC
  - Career Development = Career Center
  - Study Abroad = Office of Global Education
  - UR = Office of Undergraduate Research

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