

WTAMU Experiential Education Program Summer 2015 Executive Summary

The Experiential Education program (formerly Cooperative Education) began in the spring of 1994. A Title VIII Department of Education grant started the program, and we placed the first students in the spring of 1994. Our vital statistics to date include:

- Monitored or documented 2,641 individual placements to date (135 in Summer 2015)
- Placed 1,1619 students in internships (unduplicated count)
- Average GPA of the Summer 2015 class – 3.19
- Average wage for paid internships for the Summer 2015 class - \$12.96 per hour
- Total dollars earned by the Summer 2015 class - \$439,871
- Total dollars earned by all internship students to date - \$10,527,846

For the academic year, the Experiential Education & Career Services program helped 1,914 students through both online and in-person résumé workshops. Additionally, our counselors have provided career counseling to 154 students. This counseling and guidance helps students determine their best career path.

What Did You Like Most? What Was Most Valuable?

“I liked performing tasks that required creative problem solving.”

“The professional contacts and exposure to the market were extremely valuable.”

*Reece McKillip
Mass Communications major*

*Production Resource Group
San Fernando, CA*



“I was really happy with being in the Credit Analyst department. We looked over customer's financial statement and tax returns to come up with cash flows and personal cash analysis.”

*Clayton Goodwin
Ag, Business & Economics major
&
Courtney Bigham
Accounting major*

*Happy State Bank
Amarillo, TX*

"Being able to perform nursing skills while having the other nurse's trust was extremely valuable!"

Jennifer Price & Brittany Williams
(center)
Nursing majors

Hereford Regional Medical Center
Hereford, TX



"I liked relating what I have learned in the classroom to the task I did at work. Some things I did not think I would use from the classroom were used."

Nick Stanley
Accounting major

McCormick Company
Amarillo, TX



Internship Partners- Summer 2015



AG Aviation



AJ Crop Services



Amarillo Convention Center

American Star Corporation



Brenda Blakely, CPA



Congressman Mac Thornberry's office



Deaf Smith Juvenile Probation



Doshier Pickens & Francis LLC

Doug Proffitt, P.C.



E-Z Water, Inc.





HAPPY STATE BANK
AND TRUST COMPANY



High Plains Water District



Kaj Overstreet Crop Consulting

KATR



Lovelady, Christy & Associates



NALCO Champion

An Ecolab Company



Nelson Embryo Services





Potter County District Attorney



Quien Sabe Feeders



Replay. Cat

Research Internship for Science & Engineering (RISE)



SMDW CPA
STEWART MARTIN DUDLEY WEBB



TCEQ

TEXAS A&M
AGRILIFE





Virtual Drive – Online Drivers Education



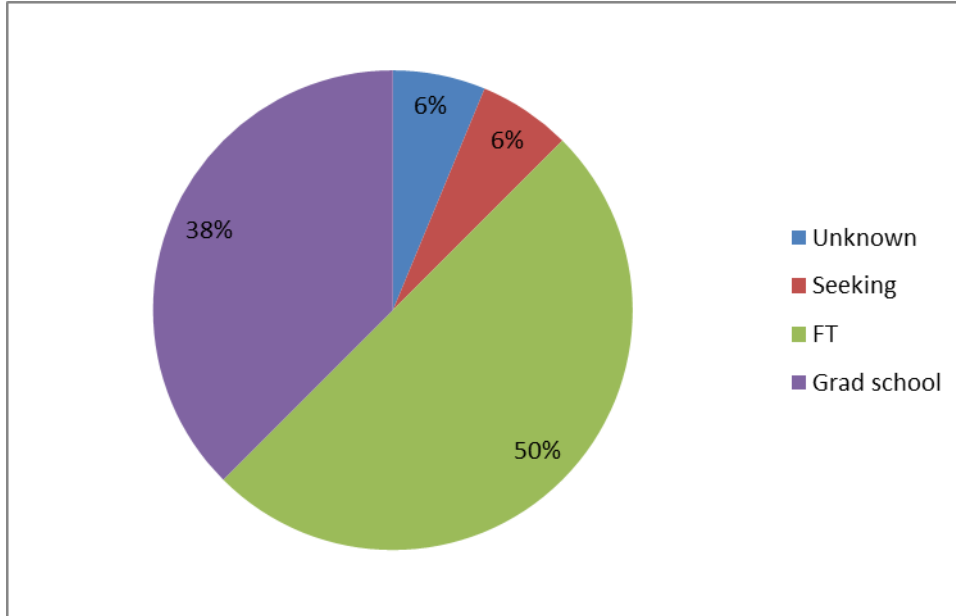
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Intern to Full-Time for Summer 2015

This semester 15 out of 135 interns graduated. One of our interns took a full-time job while they complete their degree. Including this student and those that graduated, 8 (50%) have full-time jobs, 1 (6%) are still seeking employment, 6 (38%) are planning to attend graduate school and 1 (6%) we have not been able to contact after repeated attempts. The chart below represents these numbers.



Graduating Students

Graduate/Student	Major	Intern Employer	Current Status
Beal, Joshua	Mass Communications	KFDA NewsChannel10	Graduate School
Cletus, Richard	MBA	Wal-Mart	FT with Wal-Mart
Dangerfield, Laura	Mass Communications	Interactive 360	Graduate School
Ediger, Logan	Wildlife Biology	Texas A&M AgriLife Research Center	Graduate School
Gallardo, Jessica	Mass Communications	The Hereford Brand	FT with The Hereford Brand
Gomez, Mayra	Computer Information Systems	CSI	FT with CSI
Graham, Rhemeka	Management	Congressman Mac Thornberry	Seeking
Heavin, Katherine**	MPA	Brenda Blakely, CPA	FT with Johnson & Sheldon
Jereb, Klemen	Finance	Cintas	Graduate School
Ramon-Olivarez, Miroslava	Psychology	Randall County Sheriff's Office	Graduate School
Reed, Hugh	Environmental Science	Apex Geoscience	Apex Geoscience

Romo, Steven	Wildlife Biology	Texas Parks & Wildlife Department	Graduate School
Saenz-Pacheco, Magdalena	Criminal Justice	Moore County Attorney's Office	FT with Salley & Lands
Schacher, Justin	Agriculture	Ag Aviation	FT with Ag Aviation
Williams, Brittany	Nursing	Hereford Regional Medical Center	Unable to contact
Young, Joel	Criminal Justice	City of Amarillo	FT with City of Amarillo

** working FT while she completes her degree. She will graduate in May 2016

Participating Employers

The full list of employers we have worked with are online at <http://www.wtamu.edu/student-support/cs-emp-participating-employers.aspx>

Summer 2015 Interns

Out of the 135 interns, 6.0% got full-time positions, 1% are seeking full-time, 4% are pursuing grad school and we were unable to contact 1%. 88% are continuing in their internship or seeking another internship and/or pursuing their degree.

Internships continue to be an effective way for students to gain major-related experience and in many cases, a professional position upon graduation!

