

## **What you may not know about the Portland Senior Experience Internship (PDXSX) Program**

**Did you know...** according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), the most competitive job applicants have participated in at least two (2) career-related internships *before* graduation?

**Did you also know...** in a recent NACE survey, 88% of employers indicated they are less concerned about your education choices, GPA and degree than what previous experience you can bring to their organization?

**You should probably realize...** a resume alone is not enough to get your foot in the door. You are also going to need letters of recommendation, a polished portfolio of work samples and the start of a professional network to land your dream job.

**Of course, it would be nice...** to have all of your Ducks in a row the day you graduate from college, but what if there was another path? A path paved only for SOJC students, among all SOJC majors and disciplines, that promised and fulfilled all of these necessities before you completed your degree?

**That's a big promise, right?**

**But, what if...** in addition to the augmented resume, the polished portfolio, the collection of recommendation letters and beginnings of a network, such a program offered several \$2,000 & \$5,000 scholarships to mitigate some of the financial burden?

**Simultaneously...** in a perfect world, such a unique program would also have to offer access to the top agencies, corporations, newspapers, magazines, nonprofits and governmental organizations in a major metropolitan center, right?

**Still not convinced?**

**Have you heard...** a significant number of PDXSX participants are actually offered an internship extension or full-time job offer before graduation? It's more than 40%. It's more than 50%. In fact, more than 60% of PDXSX participants enjoy an internship extension or full-time job offer before graduation! According to NACE, the national average is 31%. Clearly, we're doing something a little different in the PDXSX program. And perhaps you have what it takes to join us.

**One more thing...** You'd probably like to see a *sample* of some of those organizations where students have already interned and are *literally* on a waitlist to meet future SOJC candidates? They're on the back of this page.

Yeah, since 2006 and more than 200 PDXSX participants, we're sort of a big deal in Portland.

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Visit: [pdxsx.com](http://pdxsx.com) to apply online; or [iamthepdxsx.com](http://iamthepdxsx.com) to see what the current cohort is up to.

The link to the online application form for the PDXSX program will be emailed to all SOJC students at the beginning of Week 4, during the Fall and Spring terms or you may visit [pdxsx.com](http://pdxsx.com) to apply directly. Applications and supporting materials will be due Friday of Week 6 of the Fall and Spring terms.

PDXSX admission interviews will take place on campus during Week 8 of the Fall and Spring terms.

Some of our amazing past students have made themselves available to speak about their time in the PDXSX as ambassadors to the program. If you would like to speak to a former PDXSX participant, you should contact Josh Netzer, the PDXSX Program Director at: [jnetzer@uoregon.edu](mailto:jnetzer@uoregon.edu).

**A small sample of some of our PDXSX partners include:**

Edelman Worldwide  
Waggener Edstrom  
Frause PR  
The Red Cross  
The Oregon Zoo  
The Special Olympics  
OPB  
VOX PR & PA  
Portland Monthly  
Flossin' Media  
Oregon Bride  
Intel  
LaCie  
TriMet  
City of Portland  
City of Beaverton  
Portland Center Stage  
R/West  
FCC  
Adidas  
UrbanAirship  
Nike  
Cascade Web Dev  
Children's Institute  
OMSI  
Prichard Agency  
Hollenbeck Group  
Portland Art Museum  
Davis Elen Adv & PR  
PDOT  
NW Natural

Office of Film and TV  
Wend Magazine  
PECI  
Street Roots  
Willamette Week  
Portland Tribune  
The Oregonian  
Media Maison  
Ziba Design  
Travel Portland  
Pine Meadow Golf  
AARP  
METRO  
Mercy Corps  
Standard Insurance  
KBOO  
Tripwire  
PGE  
SMART  
MIX Magazine  
Mac's List

**Newest Partners**

*The Columbian*  
*PDX Business Journal*  
*The Portland Mercury*  
*Beaverton Valley Times*  
*Lake Oswego Review*  
*Wilsonville Spokesman*  
*West Linn Tidings*  
*Hillsboro Tribune*

*FG News-Times*  
*GoLocalPDX*  
*Portland Society Page*  
*Imbibe Magazine*  
*Southeast Examiner*  
*Oregon Business*  
*Sustainable Business*  
*Allison+Partners*  
*Lemelson Foundation*  
*Turtledove Clemens*  
*Daimler North America*  
*WACOM*  
*Jama Software*  
*Dialsmith*  
*Umpqua Bank*  
*McClenahanBruer*  
*Matter Communication*  
*Inspiration Software*  
*CMD Agency*  
*The Pittock Mansion*  
*Heritage Consulting*  
*Cambia Health*  
*HMH Agency*  
*Thorn Run Partners*  
*OpenSesame*  
*XPLANE*  
*PuppetLabs*  
*Elemental Tech*  
*Consano*  
*OR Attorney General*  
*Barre3*