INTERNERSHIPS & CAREERS

LINGUISTICS CAREER RESOURCES

USING YOUR LINGUISTICS DEGREE TO FIND THE RIGHT CAREER

- The Husky Experience for Linguistics: Translating your degree into career-relevant skills
  - Linguistics Learning Goals and how they relate to many careers
  - Linguistics Courses
- Ideas for Careers (or 'What can I do with a major in linguistics?')

GENERAL TIPS FOR FINDING CAREERS

UW has a number of resources set up to help you find careers, so you should start at the following places:

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- Career Center: Recruiting and career events. You can visit in-person or online (MGH; www.careers.uw.edu/calendar)
- Center for Experiential Learning and Diversity: In-person or online (MGH 171; www.washington.edu/carlson)

External to UW:

- General internship/job search sites (www.indeed.com; www.simplyhired.com)

See other suggestions in the Linguistics Internship Resources section of this page.

LINGUISTICS INTERNSHIP RESOURCES

THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERNSHIPS

Internships can help you:

- Explore career interests, occupations, and work environments
- Apply classroom knowledge and theory
- Learn new skills and refine the skills that you already have
- Expand your experience and enhance your resume
- Make contacts (coworkers, supervisors, mentors)
- Increase your chances of receiving job offers sooner rather than later


IDEAS FOR LINGUISTICS INTERNSHIPS

Don't be discouraged by the fact that there are relatively few internships/jobs that specifically mention 'linguistics.' Linguistics is a broad field covering a wide range of possibilities; many employers are looking for people with exactly the type of practical skills that you learn as a linguist.
Try searching for smaller ‘subfields’:

- Computational Linguistics
- Translation/Language Specialists
- Language Teaching
- Language Policy
- Language Documentation or Revitalization
- Language Assessment
- Publishing/Writing/Editing
- Government
- Non-Profit Organizations

**FINDING AN INTERNSHIP**

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- Specific internship websites ([www.internmatch.com](http://www.internmatch.com); [www.internships.com](http://www.internships.com))

You should also begin networking!

- [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com); [www.iloveseattle.org](http://www.iloveseattle.org)

**LINGUISTICS INTERNSHIPS – SOME SAMPLE LINKS**

The following is a non-exhaustive list of links to organizations that offer linguistics internships or other similar opportunities. While the department cannot vouch for these individual positions ([http://careers.washington.edu/sites/default/files/all/editors/docs/students/Evaluating_Internships2014.pdf](http://careers.washington.edu/sites/default/files/all/editors/docs/students/Evaluating_Internships2014.pdf)), these are a great way to get started in your search.

- Linguistics internship board
- Computational linguistics
  - Linguistics Data Consortium
- Translation
  - Language Link in Vancouver, WA
  - United Nations Language Outreach
- Language Teaching
  - The UW English Department Website has a variety of tips and links for teaching English overseas
- Language Policy
  - Center for Applied Linguistics in Washington, DC
  - It is also good to look into other types of organizations that focus on policy, even if the program is not specifically linguistics-oriented. See tips on creating and proposing an internship.
- Language Documentation/Revitalization (there are many programs for this)
  - SIL
  - The Language Conservancy
- Government:
  - CIA
  - NSA
CAREER AND INTERNSHIP FAIRS

The Career Center offers a wide variety of workshops to help you succeed at Career Fairs and in other steps of the application process. Visit the their overview of online and in-person workshops.

*These are usually FREE to students!*

**TIPS FOR CAREER FAIRS**

- Come prepared – look at companies ahead of time and familiarize yourself with the ones that interest you
- Have an ‘elevator speech’ prepared; there are many resources online with suggestions for preparing one
- Dress for what you want to do; business casual is a good default
- Bring resumes; consider attending a resume workshop

**FAIR DATES/TIMES**

- Visit http://careers.washington.edu/Employers/Attend-a-Career-Fair for links to upcoming Career Fairs and Events