INTERNSHIPS & 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

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- Center for Experiential Learning and Diversity: In-person or online (MGH 171; [www.washington.edu/carlson](#))

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
FINDING AN INTERNSHIP

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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, these are a great way to get started in your search.

- **Computational linguistics**
  - USC Institute for Creative Technologies
  - USC Informational Sciences Institute
  - Linguistics Data Consortium
- **Translation**
  - United Nations Language Outreach
- **Language Teaching**: there are many options to teach 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**
- **Government**:
  - CIA
  - NSA
  - State Department
- **Assessment**
  - ETS

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](#).

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](#)
- Visit the [UW Career Center](#) for upcoming Career Fairs and Events