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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- 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.
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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](http://careers.washington.edu/sites/default/files/all/editors/docs/students/Evaluating_Internships2014.pdf)
- 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](http://careers.washington.edu/sites/default/files/all/editors/docs/students/Evaluating_Internships2014.pdf).
- 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