

## Undergraduate Internship Opportunities in Film

Internships are an important part of the academic experience and can add important development opportunities for students pursuing careers in any aspect of film production and film studies.



**OSU Film Studies and Moving-Image Production students have found internships and careers within a variety of companies and on specific motion picture and television productions, including:**

3 Arts Entertainment, 4th Row Films, ABC News, Bungalow Media, Broadway Video, CBS, Cohen Media, Groundswell Pictures, Myriad Pictures, Netflix, Youtube, Paradigm, Sundance, Starz, Ohio HD, Paradigm and Silver Pictures, WOSU Public Media. Students also work on film and television productions. Recent productions have included *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*, *Carol*, *F8-The Fate of the Furious*, and "Late Show with Stephen Colbert."



**Film Studies and Moving-Image Production are partnered with ASC Career Success, who offer job and internship searches, career fairs and expos, professional and alumni networking events, resume assistance, and career coaching to help prepare you for internships, jobs, and life beyond your degree.**

**Contact the Film Studies and Moving-Image Production program coordinator at [filmstudies@osu.edu](mailto:filmstudies@osu.edu) for our internship guide with advice on:**

- joining a Career Community at OSU.
- finding internship experiences to fit your interests.
- navigating the internship search and application process.
- verifying that an opportunity is legitimate and eligible for academic credit.
- enrolling in Internship credit hours *PRIOR* to beginning work in the internship.

## What constitutes an internship?

Internships are required by law to meet federal standards for internship programs under the [Fair Labor Standards Act](#). This includes requirements that:

- students have supervision and regular performance feedback from experienced professionals with education and expertise in the field;
- students receive training similar to that which would be given in an educational environment;
- an intern's work complements, rather than displaces, the work of paid employees, while providing significant educational benefit to the student.

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## Enrolling in internship credits for Film Studies / Moving-Image Production:

All internships for academic credit are officially reviewed for consideration as academic curriculum.

Once you have secured an offer of internship in a film/media related field, please download and fill out the [Theatre, Film, and Media Arts Internship Application for Enrollment](#) and return via email to [filmstudies@osu.edu](mailto:filmstudies@osu.edu). The department will review and approve appropriate activities for credit-bearing internships in Film Studies and Moving-Image Production.

The internship enrollment form is a contract between you, the department, and your employer. All fields must be completed, including start date, end date, complete description of duties and responsibilities (as provided by internship supervisor), and internship supervisor signature.

\*End date of the internship MAY NOT EXCEED the final day of classes in a given semester, as internship supervisor will be required to submit a letter of evaluation to the faculty advisor by the last day of the semester.

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"I recommend starting early, having a plan, and sticking to it... don't get discouraged, keep being tenacious, and make it happen!"

Austin Dunn, Groundswell Productions intern; Film Studies major with Screenwriting focus.

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"Don't be afraid to seek out learning opportunities and creative funding."

Lauren Younkin, Silver Pictures intern; Screenwriting minor.

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"Find any opportunities to get some experience on your resume; in creative industries, experience is important!"

John Rolston, Creative Development intern at INE/Trium Entertainment; Film Studies major, Screenwriting minor

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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### When do I need to start thinking about internships?

It's never too early to start thinking and planning for opportunities! Application deadlines vary based on the organization and the dates of the internship. Allow at least two months prior to the application deadline to begin making connections with the organization, request references, and complete the application materials. This means you are most likely identifying possible summer opportunities in the late fall / early winter.

### Do I need to be enrolled in the internship course in order to complete an internship?

Generally, student does not need to be enrolled in an internship course at Ohio State in order to take advantage of an internship opportunity. However, it is important that you consider the benefits and implications of enrolling in course credit, in order to make the best decision for your unique situation. Do not hesitate to discuss this with an academic advisor! Some things to consider include the following:

- You must be enrolled in course credit in the term in which your internship takes place in order for the internship to fulfill a degree requirement.
- You are responsible for the tuition costs and fees associated with enrollment in any course at The Ohio State University, including **Moving-Image Production 4191** or **Film Studies 4191 "Internship in Film"** course.
- Some internships may require that the student earn course credit at their institution. Confirm this with the organization offering the internship.
- If you have a continuous enrollment requirement (for financial aid, health insurance, program requirements, etc.) that requires enrollment in the term of your internship, you may need to enroll in an internship course to maintain your status as an active student.
- In addition to MIP or FILMSTD 4191, there are internships in other departments and the College of Arts and Sciences that may be available to you, including zero-credit hour courses.

### How do I put together a good application?

First, allow plenty of time to craft a stellar application! The best way to ensure your application is the best it can be is to start early and to ask for feedback from advisors and faculty that you've worked with. Have your resume reviewed and meet with a Career Coach in the ASC Center for Career and Professional Success. In addition, be sure to give your references at least a few weeks' notice to write a letter of recommendation if required for the application.

### Are there scholarships or grants available for my experience?

Competitive funding is available at the department, college and university level. Visit [theatreandfilm.osu.edu/undergraduate/scholarships-funding](http://theatreandfilm.osu.edu/undergraduate/scholarships-funding) for more information about how to apply for internship funding from the Department of Theatre, Film, and Media Arts.

## OTHER RESOURCES

[Handshake](http://handshake.osu.edu) (handshake.osu.edu)

[College of Arts and Sciences Center for Career and Professional Success](http://artsandsciences.osu.edu) (artsandsciences.osu.edu)