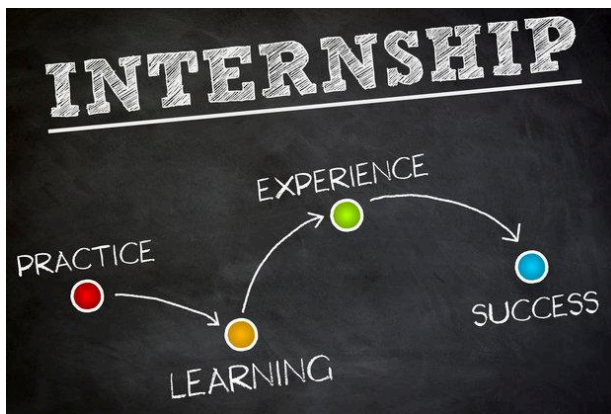


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Effects of Internships



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Introduction

Internships are a vital part in the development of our careers and provide experience that cannot be received from anything else. Despite this, it is very important that we as students educate ourselves on this topic to make sure that we actually expand our career rather than limiting it.

What to Know

The first main issue. The majority of internships that are currently being given are unpaid, around 60%. Unpaid internships can widen the income inequality gap as it tends to favor those who come from a wealthy background and can be supported without a stable income.

Another issue. Paid interns are almost 2x more likely to get a full time job from the company they worked for than unpaid interns.

What to Take Away

Companies may use you and your labor to their advantage and disguise it as an unpaid internship. Even though these opportunities may look enticing, it is very important that you understand the data shown above. Be aware of what the companies could be doing and understand the risks that come with working an unpaid internship.

