Career Opportunities for Internationals during Winter Break

The internships that we help employers offer to the MMS students are not the only experiential opportunities our MMS students have pursued during their breaks. We encourage the students to develop their own internship network and suggest the concept to appropriate employers. Many of the previous internship experiences have evolved from the students themselves. We do not provide information about internships until Fall Term II.

Unfortunately, the internship postings are open only to MMS students with US work authorization. Participating in internships is a violation of most student visas. In order to increase the likelihood of getting more experience to increase your employability, we suggest you develop your network in the country(s) in which you have work authorization now so that you may pursue an internship there.

Over the winter break, you may engage in:

1. An internship opportunity in the country(s) in which you have work authorization.
2. A paid internship at Duke University, which includes the Medical Center, Fuqua, and other graduate schools at Duke. In the meantime, we encourage you to look for positions on campus at http://cgi.duke.edu/web/financialaid/std_emp_main.html and http://www.hr.duke.edu/jobs/.
3. An organized volunteer program coordinated through a non-profit organization such as Durham Cares at http://www.durhamcares.org/ or the Volunteer Center of Durham at http://www.thevolunteercenter.org. These organizations won’t provide much business experience, but it is preferred that you stay engaged in some type of activity while on break, hence volunteer work is a worthwhile addition to your resume.

Some additional volunteer organizations to research are:

- NC Center for Non-Profits at http://www.ncnonprofits.org/
- Micro-Consulting for NC at http://www.mcfornc.org/
- Volunteer Match at volunteermatch.org
- Urbantastic at urbantastic.com
- 1-800-volunteer.org
- Smart Volunteer at smartvolunteer.org
- Grass Roots at grassroots.org
- The Executive Service Corp at Executive Service Corps
- Triangle Impact at Triangle Impact

The CMC cannot guarantee that every opportunity available through these organizations will meet the requirements of your visa; therefore, we encourage you to contact Duke Visa Services or an immigration attorney for specific advice. It is not recommended that you refer to any volunteer work that you do over break as an “internship ” on your resume. We want to see you succeed in your career search; however, violating your visa is not worth the risk. If you have any further questions, please email mms-careers@fuqua.duke.edu.