



SUMMER EXPERIENCE FACT SHEET:

What Students Need to Know About Summer Hiring During the COVID-19 Pandemic

So... Who's Hiring?

Believe it or not, some organizations are still filling positions. Companies who are still operating on-site include healthcare facilities, pharmacies, essential retail, childcare centers, agricultural producers and manufacturers of essential products.

In other businesses, many summer employees either have delayed starting dates or they are beginning their new jobs virtually. While some companies have frozen new hiring, work still needs to happen in others. But your summer job may not look like what you were expecting...

- **Ignore the title:** don't get stuck on the word "internship." A variety of jobs can provide substantive experience and skill-building, even if they are not labeled "internships." Also, consider jobs that only last a few weeks and securing 2 or 3 of those to fill your whole summer.
- **Have a skill or hobby that could earn you money?**
Try sites like [Upwork](#), [Fiverr](#) and [Chegg Tutor](#)
- **Look for jobs that would have been virtual anyway!**
Many employers hire remote employees on the regular, and the jobs are designed to be online.

Check out [Internships.com](#) and [Zirtual](#) for options

College Central Network

EMU Career Services has a new resource that can help! College Central Network is our new career database (replacing CareerBeam), and the site is live and ready to use.

- [Create your free account](#) to get started
- Search "Jobs Central" and "Intern Central" for active opportunities (Contact the employers directly for information about current hiring and remote work options)
- Post your resume in CCN and make it "public" for employers to find you
- Find additional resources, documents and podcasts with job search information that could help you move your search process forward

Networking Will Be Your Best Friend

One job search strategy that hasn't changed is networking! 70-80% of opportunities are secured by making connections.

- Talk to people you already know: they may have contacts that could help you
- Use the [LinkedIn](#) EMU page to find and message alumni
- Search [Royal Connections](#) for EMU alumni businesses who hire interns

New to Video Interviews?

Due to social distancing and working remotely, companies that are hiring are moving interviews to Skype, Zoom or other video chat platforms.

It may be tempting to answer questions in your pajama pants on your couch, but it is still a professional interview!

To prepare, [check out this infographic from The Muse](#) for winning tips and tricks.