Summer Link
BUSINESS, SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND HUMANITIES

Important Dates
Friday, January 11, applications available online
Thursday, February 14, application deadline
Friday, March 8, decisions made

Program Description

The Business, Social Sciences and Humanities Summer Link program provides paid summer internships with a variety of University of Chicago and private employers for Lab students who will be juniors and seniors during the 2019-2020 academic year. Most internships run for 6-7 weeks (30 hours per week) from mid to late June through the end of July, with compensation based on Chicago minimum wage. Please be certain that you will be available between c. 6/24 and 8/2 before you apply, or see Ms. Augustine or Mr. Janus immediately to discuss your circumstances.

Approximately 25 internships, in all, will be available. Interns may be placed with various professors in business, economics, law and public policy, or with institutions such as the University Press, the Logan Center for the Arts, the Civic Knowledge Project, and the Game Changer Chicago Design Lab, as well as with private business employers such as Nuveen, Morningstar, Hyde Park Bank, and Citadel, and organizations such as the Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust.

Lab interns who are placed with individual university professors or organizations usually do research on their employers' current projects; those who work in private business work in a wide variety of capacities specific to the needs of the companies that employ them. Work in some of the internships may involve teaching younger students. All of the positions require dedication and initiative, as well as the ability to adapt to new circumstances and the desire to take on new challenges. We can assure you that your work colleagues are eager to see you succeed and will do everything they can to help you to do your job well.

Lab's Economics teacher, Chris Janus, and Librarian, Susan Augustine, will serve as advisors of students in the program throughout the period of the internship. One or the other will hold a weekly meeting of the intern group from late June through July to discuss their work; they may also arrange a field trip for the intern cohort tailored to the work that some are doing. All interns are expected to attend each of these weekly 1 hour sessions. Your other obligation to Lab, should you secure an internship, would be to write a reflection of your experiences at the end of the summer.