

## **INTERNSHIP PREPARATION CHECKLIST**

## **Directions:**

Use this checklist to guide you through the steps of securing and succeeding in your internship. Review each section, complete the tasks, and mark off items as you go. This checklist will help you stay organized and ensure you're prepared for your internship experience!

STAGE	ACTIVITY	NOTES	DEADLINE
Before Applying	<ul> <li>□ Research industries and companies of interest.</li> <li>□ Identify at least five internship opportunities with deadlines.</li> <li>□ Update your resume &amp; cover letter with recent skills and experiences.</li> <li>□ Secure 2-3 professional references.</li> <li>□ Practice your elevator pitch.</li> <li>□ Create or update your LinkedIn profile to reflect your skills and goals.</li> </ul>		
While Applying	<ul> <li>□ Tailor each resume and cover letter to match the specific role and company.</li> <li>□ Submit applications before the deadlines.</li> <li>□ Follow up via email if you don't hear back within 2 weeks of submission.</li> <li>□ Research and prepare for common interview questions relevant to the role or industry.</li> <li>□ Set up a mock interview with a career advisor.</li> </ul>		
After Acceptance	<ul> <li>□ Confirm your internship start date, schedule, and expectations with your supervisor.</li> <li>□ Complete any required paperwork or onboarding materials.</li> <li>□ Set 2-3 personal and professional goals for what you want to achieve during your internship.</li> <li>□ Schedule a meeting with your supervisor to discuss goals and responsibilities.</li> <li>□ Plan how you will document your accomplishments (e.g., journal, portfolio, LinkedIn updates).</li> </ul>		