Internships and Service Learning Opportunities

Internships, field experiences and volunteering are great ways to practice the knowledge you have gained from your studies while developing real world experience. They can help you make professional contacts, develop skills, and learn more about the field you are planning to pursue a career in.

Credit for Internships

While FIS does not have a formal internship course/program or designated faculty mentors for internships in place at this time, we do encourage students to pursue French or Italian-related internships and volunteer experiences on their own. Please contact Sabrina Tatta at sabri@uw.edu for information about current opportunities.

Finding an Internship or Volunteer Position

Start your search by visiting the UW Carlson Center website and the UW Career Center website. Both have extensive listings for internship and volunteer positions.

- UW Carlson Center volunteer and internship opportunities
- UW Career Center Internships
- International Business Programs
- UW Pipeline Project (K-12 classroom tutors)

If you have a particular field in mind (i.e. film), conduct research on organizations in that field and check their direct web sites. If the organization does not post internships or advertise an internship program, you might try proposing your own internship. This requires more research and preparation on your part, but could be worth the effort. Be prepared to provide the organization with an outline your interests, your related experience, and an explanation of how you could be of value to them.

Students interested in receiving academic credit for internships should consider signing up for General Studies 350 “Independent fieldwork.” While credit for Gen Studies 350 can not be applied to your French or Italian major, it does count toward the 180 total credits required for a Bachelor's Degree from the UW. Please see the Carlson Center web site for more information about this course.

Below is a list of local organizations that have indicated in the past that they have internships and volunteer opportunities available for French & Italian students:

French-American Chamber of Commerce of the Pacific Northwest
Seattle, WA 98121
Contact: info@faccpnw.org

Possible Administrative Assistant internship in the FACC PNW office. Assist with fundraising events, and internal communications.
Requires fluency in French and English.

**ItaliaSeattle**  
Seattle, WA  
Contact: Enso Lombardi [enzinol@hotmail.com]

**Les Enfants de Seattle**  
Seattle, WA 98122

**Northwest Film Forum**  
Seattle, WA 98122  
[volunteer@nwfilmforum.org](mailto:volunteer@nwfilmforum.org); (206)329-2629  
Contact: Children's Film Festival Director Elizabeth Shepherd [liz@nwfilmforum.org].

Possible internship includes outreach to French, Italian and African film directors and distributors to participate in Northwest Film Forum Children's Film Festival Seattle. Research films that have participated in similar film festivals in France, Italy, and Burkino Faso, and possibly provide translations of festival guidelines and entry forms.

**University of Washington Libraries**  
Seattle, WA 98195  
Contact: Romance Languages & Literatures Librarian, Deborah Raftus at [draftus@u.washington.edu].

Possible Libraries internships include, but are not limited to:

- Outreach project for study abroad students. This includes providing information on how to do research in (French or Italian city), drafting web pages / materials for student packets, and assisting with pre-trip library research session planning.
- An analysis of UW Libraries holdings in French and Italian films (feature films and documentaries), with an eye toward trying to fill in gaps in our collection. Assessing French/Italian departmental needs, tracking down availability as well as identifying titles, and possibly helping with a grant request.

**Other Suggestions:**

- Alliance Française de Seattle  
- Civitella Ranieri Foundation Internships  
- Festa Italiana Seattle  
- French American School of Puget Sound  
- Italian Cultural Institute in Washington, D.C.  
- NIAUSI & CIVITA Fellowships - both recent grads and continuing students may apply  
- Seattle Art Museum  
- Seattle International Film Festival  
- Seattle-Nantes Sister City Association  
- World Affairs Council (Seattle)

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