

Students can participate in internships that are paid or unpaid - both types may count for credit.

To be a full time student and qualify for financial aid students must take 12 credit hours (CH) in the fall/spring. The internship can be a part of that 12 CH or in excess of.

To be a full time student and qualify for financial aid students must take 6 CH in the summer. The internship can be a part of the required credit hours.

If you have questions about the cost of tuition please go to this website: <https://tuition.uni.edu/> and/or contact a representative from the financial aid office.

In addition to regular financial aid, there are three programs that may help to offset the cost of an internship.

### **Community Service Learning**

<https://admissions.uni.edu/financial-aid/types-aid/work-study/community-service-learning>

Community Service Learning (CSL) is a partnership between UNI and community nonprofit organizations. In this program, qualified students work at off-campus positions while earning Federal Work-Study funds through UNI. This program is only available during the fall and spring semesters, and students with any major can qualify! Students who originally do not have Federal Work Study on their award, may still qualify for CSL.

Nonprofit organizations are responsible for 25% of the earnings. A normal Federal Work-Study award is \$2,500. The maximum amount an agency would be responsible for is \$625. The non-profit organization will pay the student in full and be reimbursed by UNI for 75% of those earnings each month.

Qualifications for an eligible organization:

- Must be incorporated as nonprofit under federal or state law
- Public organizations including federal, state or local organizations
- Private nonprofit organizations including hospitals, daycare centers, halfway houses or crisis centers
- Organizations with the primary purpose of benefiting the members and/or political activity do not qualify. Examples include credit unions, fraternal or religious orders, or cooperatives.
- Must be in the Cedar Valley (Cedar Falls, Waterloo and all of the surrounding area)

If you are working at a nonprofit during the fall or spring semester that is located in the Cedar Valley, please reach out to learn more about the opportunity that this program may have for you

in your internship! This opportunity could help you get paid, or paid more, during your internship experience. Contact Sierra Ruden via email at [sierra.ruden@uni.edu](mailto:sierra.ruden@uni.edu) to learn more.

### **Robert and Yvonne Koob Fund for Student Community Engagement**

The Robert and Yvonne Koob Fund for Student Community Engagement is an endowment supporting students who are completing internships in positions of service in Iowa. Awards up to \$2,000 (undergraduate students) and up to \$3,000 (graduate students) will be given and approximately \$10,000 total is awarded annually.

To date, over 100 UNI students have received Koob funding for nonprofit internships in Iowa. Koob interns have partnered with many Cedar Valley organizations, such as the Waterloo Commission on Human Rights, the Grout Museum, Junior Achievement and several of the Cedar Valley's schools and hospitals.

To apply, visit <https://engagement.uni.edu/instructionsapplication-process>

### **CIPCO Internship Program**

CIPCO internships augment the academic programs of entrepreneurial students with experiential learning opportunities. This program provides funding for internships with small businesses, new ventures, economic development corporations, or other worthy programs.

These internships provide a cost-sharing opportunity for the employing company. This is done through the generous support of **Central Iowa Power Cooperative**. CIPCO provides funds to offset the cost of the internship to the business owner as detailed below. This financial incentive is especially important for new ventures and rural communities, both of which may have limited financial resources for the engagement of an intern. These internships are limited to Iowa-based companies, with a special emphasis toward companies in the CIPCO service territory.

<https://jpec.uni.edu/academics/cipco-internship-program>