



# Freshman/Alumni Summer Internship Program

## Campus Preview Weekend 2009 Information Session

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# The History of F/ASIP

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- Founded by MIT Professor Arthur Steinberg in 1997.
- First year helped 20 student participants locate internships in the Cambridge area.
- In 2008-09, F/ASIP has worked with over 100 students who will be interning across many different disciplines, around the country, and even throughout the world.



# Value of Internships

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- Explore a career field
- Gain skills & Build resume
- Internships as a recruiting tool

*From NACE Job Outlook 2009*



# Employers' Top 10 Most Important Skills/Qualities

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1. Communication Skills
2. Strong Work Ethic
3. Teamwork Skills (works well with others)
4. Initiative
5. Analytical Skills
6. Computer Skills
7. Flexibility/Adaptability
8. Interpersonal Skills (relates well to others)
9. Problem-Solving Skills
10. Technical Skills

*From NACE Job Outlook 2009*



# F/ASIP Program Goals

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- **Self-Assessment:** *Learn about yourself and how you relate to others.*
- **Career Exploration:** *Learn about the many opportunities that are available to you.*
- **Strategic Implementation:** *Once you know what you are interested in, learn how to get what you want.*



# F/ASIP Curriculum

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- Seminars and resources provided throughout the academic year cover topics including:
  - Resume and Cover Letter Writing
  - Internship Search Strategies
  - Networking
  - Interviewing
  - Career Fair Preparation
  - Requesting Letters of Recommendation
  - Negotiating Job Offers
  - Professional Etiquette
  - Workplace Dynamics
  - Presentation Skills



# Develop Communication & Interpersonal Skills

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- **Professional Communication and Writing Skills**
  - Resume and cover letter writing assignments and skill building workshops.
- **Networking and Interviewing**
  - Conduct informational interviews with MIT students and alums working in your field of interest.
  - Complete a mock interview with F/ASIP staff, MIT faculty and administrators, or MIT alumni.
  - Extensive networking skills practice & feedback in seminars.
  - Company Presentations: Representatives from the leading industries present on the trends and opportunities in that industry.



# Develop Communication & Interpersonal Skills *(cont.)*

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- **Presentation Skills**

- Learn skills and strategies for giving effective presentations
- Practice these skills in workshops and in your F/ASIP final presentation.

- **Seminar Activities**

- Encourage collaboration among and feedback between peers
- Workplace Dynamics case studies and role plays

- **F/ASIP Alumni Mentor group discussions**



# Mentoring & Advising

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- **F/ASIP Career Advisor:** Professional Career Counselors meet regularly with students as their assigned individual advisor to support them through each step of the program.
- **F/ASIP Alumni Mentor:** Past F/ASIP participants serve as upperclass peer advisors to an assigned group of 12 students.
- **Internship Mentor:** F/ASIP pairs its students with an on-site contact, often an MIT alumnus, to guide them through their internship experiences.
- **F/ASIP Alumni Network and Community Resources:** Online database of past F/ASIP students to provide resources on their academic and professional experiences.



# Exclusive F/ASIP Benefits

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- **Special Events:** Past Events have included Exploring your Choice of Major, Student Panels, UROP & Fellowship Application Info Sessions, and a International Student Resource Presentation.
- **Networking Opportunities:** F/ASIP hosts events such as Employer Networking Lunches, Employer Mock Interviews and Student Networking Socials.
- **Weekly Emails:** A comprehensive email listing sent each week exclusively to F/ASIP students with internship opportunities and career-related events and resources.
- **Employer Connections:** Dozens of employers look directly to F/ASIP for their freshman recruiting needs.



# The Secret to F/ASIP Success

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- The program is competitive in nature: participation in F/ASIP does NOT GUARANTEE a summer internship.
- F/ASIP provides the tools to conduct an independent internship search, training, opportunities to interview with a variety of employers, and preparation to enter the workplace.



# Some Participating Companies

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- Apple
- Boeing
- Booz Allen Hamilton
- Bracebridge Capital
- The Clinton Foundation
- CombinatoRx
- Cummins Engine
- Hasbro
- Mass. General Hospital
- Microsoft
- Morgan Stanley
- Pioneer Technologies Corporation
- Segway
- Thomson West
- VMware
- Voice of America
- VMware
- Xerox



# How to Participate

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- Application will be available online in early May (<http://web.mit.edu/fasip>)
  - Go to Student Info
  - Follow Directions on how to complete Application
- Completed applications will be accepted on a rolling basis from *June 1 through August 10, 2009*
  - Participants will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance by August 31st.

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# *What Questions Do You Have?*



# Today's Panelists

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- **Wendi Zhang: Senior – Courses 15 & 18**
  - Interned with China Educational Technology Initiative
- **Kyle Adkins: Junior – Courses 6 & 15**
  - Interned with Booz Allen Hamilton
- **Britni Ihle: Sophomore - Course 1**
  - Interned with Booz Allen Hamilton
- **Dhruv Garg: Freshman**
  - Will intern with VMware