

JMU English majors and minors: You can earn *academic credit towards graduation AND resumé-building work experience* through ENG294: Internships in English.

Why participate in internships? Because you can apply your *writing, interpretation, analysis, research, and adaptable communication skills* to new challenges, while exploring different career options. And: *employers love to see professional experiences on your resumé!*

Which internship will be right for you?
Read the choices below, and apply today!

Internal Internships (JMU internships, unpaid)

Social Media Intern for the English Department

The English Department seeks a social media intern to work on projects related to the promotion, and outreach, of the major and minors housed within the department. The intern will gain experience in graphic design, content writing, and article interviews, as well as gain experience in creating and editing content for print publication and multiple social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. The internship can be taken for variable credit (1-3 credit hours) and the intern will work with Morgan Aderton, marketing specialist in the Department of English and Dr. Becky Childs, Academic Unit Head in the Department of English. Please contact Prof. Becky Childs (childsrl@jmu.edu) for more information or to apply for this position.

Social Media/Marketing Intern for World Literature minor

Prof. Mookerjea-Leonard seeks an intern to help produce and promote content on social media for the World Literature minor. The internship will include writing, editing, posting, and responding to content on various platforms, working closely with Prof. Mookerjea-Leonard to develop an effective social media strategy to help folks at JMU and beyond learn more about the World Literature minor in the English Department. This internship will be for 1 credit hour (approx. 3 hours per week). Please contact Prof. Mookerjea-Leonard with interest (mookerdx@jmu.edu).

Social Media/PR/Research Intern (*Mothership* Book Campaign)

Prof. Greg Wrenn is looking for a highly motivated, organized, social-media savvy intern for Spring 2024 to help him with his book launch for *Mothership: A Memoir of Wonder and Crisis*. You'll be working closely with him to create and edit social media posts, develop a street reader team, prepare for interviews, connect with new readers online, schedule events, and edit essays and articles before publication. In the process, you'll gain valuable, marketable public relations and editorial skills. Experience with video editing and Canva is highly desirable. If you're interested in this internship (1-3 credits), please reach out to Prof. Wrenn at wrenngj@jmu.edu.

Research Assistantship with Dr. Besi Muhonja (Book Project)

Dr. Besi Muhonja is seeking a research assistant to work on her forthcoming book (to be published by Ohio University Press). The book on decolonizing knowledge focuses on works and words of Professor Wangari Muta Maathai and philosophies and theories of self-knowing. The research internship (1-3 credits) will include the collection, classification, and transcription of research. Email Dr. Besi Muhonja to apply (muhonjbx@jum.edu).

Research Assistant for Dr. Becky Childs

Dr. Childs is seeking a research assistant to work with her on a project analyzing data from focus group interviews with graduate students teaching writing. This long-term research project involves researchers from multiple universities and looks at data outside JMU. Research assistants on this project can expect to gain experience in best practices in transcription, first-hand experience with data analysis (including the instruction in using grounded theory), and research skill development. If interested, the research assistant can participate in the collaborative research group meetings with stakeholders outside JMU. Internship can be for 1 or 2 credits (40 or 80 total work hours). Email Prof. Becky Childs to apply (childsrl@jmu.edu).

Interpretive Intern at Edith J. Carrier Arboretum

Future teachers, nature lovers, adventurers: this opportunity is for you! The Interpretive Interns will work with the Education Coordinator (Ms. Katie Rankin) to lead guided tours at the Arboretum for school field trips. In addition, all interns will design and complete projects related to some aspect of environmental education.

Internships may be worth 1 or 2 credits. Training will be provided. Applicants should have an enthusiasm for working with students in an outdoor setting and for learning about our flora and fauna. Please see the Interpretive Intern application here (<https://www.jmu.edu/arboretum/support/volunteer.shtml>), and scroll down to “Interpretive Internship Application”) and send Ms. Katie Rankin (rankinkt@jmu.edu) an email describing your interest to apply.

Research and Writing Internship in Student Success and Inclusive Excellence

Dr. C. Hope (College of Science and Mathematics) is the Student Success Coordinator and Inclusive Excellence Director and she seeks an intern eager to support these objectives. The successful applicant will help to orchestrate planning for projects supporting the Office of Vice Provost for Strategic Initiatives and Global Affairs. As an Intern, you will have research, writing, and communication responsibilities. Dr. Hope foresees the intern having the opportunity to expand their networking circle within and outside the University. The internship can be taken for 1 or 2 credits and the selected intern will work directly with Dr. Hope. Please contact Dr. Hope (braxtocn@jmu.edu) for more information or to apply.

Storytelling/Communications Internship with Student Awards, Initiatives, and Research

The Office of Student Awards, Initiatives, and Research works to enhance student educational experiences at and beyond JMU. We house the Office of Fellowships and Awards, Student Creative Activities and Research, and much more. We are looking for interns (1-3 credits) who want to learn more about telling great stories through web articles, social media campaigns, flyers/advertising and more. This is a great way to hone your skills while getting to know the opportunities we work with (many of which may also be of interest to you!). Email Dr. Klebert Feitosa (feitoskb@jmu.edu) if you are interested.

Research and Communications Internship with the Office of Economic and Community Development

The Office of Economic and Community Development seeks an intern skilled in analysis and research to contribute to their application for an Innovation and Economic Prosperity designation from the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU). This program helps universities understand, measure, tell the story of, and enhance their work in economic and community engagement. Successful applicants for this internship might assist with analyzing descriptive information provided by JMU programs and departments; summarizing existing reports and datasets and identifying common themes found in the data; drafting and building stakeholder surveys; developing a survey communication strategy and analyzing survey data; and drafting portions of the designation application. The internship is 3 hours per week (1 credit). Please contact Nora Sutton (suttonnk@jmu.edu) for more information or to apply.

Affiliated External Internships (unpaid)

Editorial and Public Relations Internship with Budgeting SAAS (software as a service) Startup

A Harrisonburg software startup seeks self-motivated writers and editors to help them with external communications and branding responsibilities. This local startup, founded by David Rosenberg, specializes in budgeting software for individuals, seeking to take the stress and conflict out of achieving financial well-being. Successful candidates for this internship will practice a wide range of in-demand skills, distilling complex concepts into clear and consistent communications for multiple audiences. Tasks might include working with generative AI tools while exercising editorial agency to achieve clarity and consistency in external communications; copy-editing and quality assurance for existing company materials; researching competing products in the consumer budgeting software field; and conducting interviews with the company's founder to generate new communications materials. Candidates should have an interest in communicating about personal finances with audiences including recent college graduates and millennial families with young children. This internship can be taken for 1 or 2 credits (40 or 80 total work hours). Please email Mr. David Rosenberg (David@Budgetreferee.com) to express interest in the position. If you are accepted, email Dr. Pennington (penninhhl@jmu.edu) to enroll in English 294.

>>> To find out more about English Internships, visit [our Internships page \(linked here\)](#), and review the processes and course requirements for ENG294: Internships in English, here:

https://www.jmu.edu/english/files/overview_for_eng294_updated_for_2023_24.pdf