

Internships provide English students with hands-on career exploration and professional experience that will enhance any resumé. Check out these opportunities and apply today!

JMU Internships (unpaid, credit earned through ENG294)

Social Media Interns for the English Department

The English Department seeks social media interns 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 (1-2 credit hours) and the intern will work with Halley Conrad, marketing specialist in the Department of English and Dr. Annette Federico, Academic Unit Head in the Department of English. All interns will meet periodically with their supervisors during this internship, but some work can be done remotely. Please contact Halley Conrad (conradha@jmu.edu) for more information or to apply for this position.

Public Digital Humanities Internship with Celebrating Simms Project

The Celebrating Simms project is seeking a motivated and detail-oriented undergraduate English intern for 1-3 academic credits to support ongoing work in digital public humanities and Black community history. Celebrating Simms is a collaborative initiative that documents and honors the Black history of Harrisonburg, Virginia, with a focus on the legacy of the Simms School, its teachers, and the school's place in local community history. Interns will receive training and contribute to updating existing online exhibits to improve accessibility, review oral history transcripts for accuracy and clarity, and assist in revising and developing digital exhibits to enhance storytelling and user experience. Interns may contribute to outreach efforts, assisting with digitizing, metadata, and archival organization, and collaborating on public engagement. This is a great resume-builder and an especially great opportunity for students double majoring or minoring in Secondary Education, History, AAAD, WGSS, or Disability Studies. Email Dr. Godfrey (godfrema@jmu.edu) to apply!

Internship for Digital Publication of Early British Literature

Professor Mark Rankin seeks two to three motivated undergraduate English students to join him on the digital project The Independent Works of William Tyndale (www.tyndaleworks.org) as XML coding interns. These 2-credit, 6 hour / week positions will involve XML coding of scholarly editions of the religious and historical writings of the English author William Tyndale (c.1495-1536). An international team of editors is currently working to produce new editions of these books, and Dr. Rankin seeks interns to assist in converting the editions to online searchable formats for publication at our project's website. No prior XML coding training is required; successful applicants will receive instruction in coding with XML as part of the internship. This work will appeal to any student interested in the digital humanities, early British literature, and the historical roots of literary creativity. This position will potentially be renewable and offers a great resume builder! Please contact Dr. Rankin to express interest and with any questions (rankinmc@jmu.edu).

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

The Office of Student Awards, Initiatives, and Research (STAIR) at JMU enhances student educational experiences both on and off campus. We oversee the Office of Fellowships and Awards, Student Creative Activities and Research, and more. We are seeking interns (for credit or stipend) who are eager to develop their skills in storytelling through web articles, social media campaigns, flyers, advertising, and more. This internship is an excellent opportunity to hone your skills while exploring the various opportunities we offer, many of which may interest you personally. After receiving a job offer shortly before graduation, a recent graduate from the STAIR team shared: "This internship has been my single most marketable experience, and I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity!" If you're interested, please email Leslie Pusey at puseyrl@jmu.edu.

Interpretive Intern at Edith J. Carrier Arboretum—Environmental Education

Outdoor enthusiasts, adventurers, and aspiring environmental educators—this opportunity is for you! The Interpretive Interns will work with the Education Coordinator (Ms. Kelli Hertzler) 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](#). Contact EJCA Education Coordinator Kelli Hertzler with questions and to express interest in the position: gdx5j@jmu.edu.

JMU WBLE Sequencing Opportunity

University Writing Center & English Internship Sequence Opportunity: WRTC336 & ENG294

The University Writing Center (UWC) and Department of English internships program are excited to offer a sequenced Work-Based Learning Experience (WBLE). Students interested in training to work in the UWC can now take WRTC336: Writing Consultation in the spring semester. WRTC336 is a 3-credit course covering writing center theory and practice and involving an on-the-job-training apprenticeship. If students successfully complete this course and the application/interview process, they may be offered the chance to work as peer Writing Consultants in the University Writing Center in future semesters. English Majors who earn a position as a peer Writing Consultant can then earn credit towards graduation and towards their major through ENG294: Internships in English with their work in the UWC. This opportunity offers scaffolded training, apprenticeship, and the possibility of paid professional experience to students in English. To begin this sequence, please email Dr. Emily Bouza (bouzaea@jmu.edu) with a resume and short letter of interest in order to get permission to register for WRTC336 in spring semester. If you are accepted to WRTC336, please email Dr. Heidi Pennington (penninhl@jmu.edu), the Director of Internships in English, and Prof. Rudy Barrett (barretrl@jmu.edu), Associate Director of the Learning Centers, to express interest in sequencing WRTC336 and ENG294. English students who pursue this sequence and wish to count it towards their English major should also plan to set up a meeting with the Director of Internships in English (Dr. Pennington) later in the spring semester in which they are taking WRTC336.

External Internship, JMU English Approved (unpaid, credit earned through ENG294)

Writing, Marketing, & Social Media Intern for Massanutten Regional Library, Advancement

Do you love the library and want to share with everyone else why they should love it too? This may just be the opportunity you've been looking for! The Advancement Intern will work closely with the Massanutten Regional Library Director of Advancement Megan Medeiros and Marketing Specialist Sarah Maxey to create social media content (with an emphasis on reels and video content); write and copyedit press releases, emails, web content, social media content, etc.; and support the two largest events at MRL during that semester. The Advancement Intern will have regular meetings with the Advancement team to learn about marketing and writing in a professional setting and create a portfolio for themselves using the work they created during the internship. Ideal candidates will have experience using programs such as Canva and iMovie, have an interest in social media management and/or marketing, and are eager to learn about writing professionally. Training will be provided. This internship will be for 2 credits, or approximately 6 hours per week. To apply, please fill out the application linked here and email it to Megan Medeiros (mmedeiros@mrlib.org) along with your resume, cover letter (tell us why you'd be a good candidate for this internship and why you're interested), and portfolio (optional). (If there are any issues with the application link above, please email Megan Medeiros to request an application form over email.)

Visit the JMU English Internships page for more information about ENG294: Internships in English, and for additional resources about external and summer internship opportunities. Contact Dr. Heidi Pennington (penninhl@jmu.edu) with any questions!