No Internship? How to Spend Summer 2020

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Adjust
Pivot Quickly & Adapt!

• You can’t control that your internship was cancelled, but **you CAN control how you react and move forward**

• **Keep applying and widen your search pool**
  - Look at part time jobs, gigs, remote work
  - Focus on the skills you will learn

• **If currently working or had a summer job last year**, advance or take on new responsibilities within that role
  - Training new staff
  - Leadership or mentorship role
  - Learn a new skill
  - Connect with staffing agencies or recruiters

Network
Strengthen & Build Your Network

• Tap into current network and add to it
• Build upon conversations you’ve had; expand who you are connecting with
• Set up as many informational interviews and job shadows as you can
• Attend virtual networking events in your community - meetup.com

Learn
Fill Your Skills Gap

- **Document skills/experiences** continually showing up in job/internship postings
  - Are there any you need to improve upon or gain experience in?

- **Sharpen your skills** through various online programming
  - Linkedin Learning
  - MOOC’s, Coursera
  - DoIT Tech Classes

Be Creative & Take Initiative!

- **Create your own project to showcase your skills**
  - Research projects, coding examples
  - Conduct your own data analyses:
    - Many free databases online (sports data, Fed Reserve data, Census data, etc)
  - Mock investment portfolio
  - Check-in with non-profits or community agencies for volunteer remote projects
Professional Polish

Opportunities for UW Econ Students

- Economics Career Development Office
  - EconEx for Undergrads
  - Interview Practice
  - Alumni Connections
  - Planting Seeds for 2021
Questions & Answers

Submit questions via the chat feature

We are here for you!

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Virtual appointments in Starfish
(search for Economics Career Development Office)

Website: econ.wisc.edu/careers/