Student interns armed with cutting-edge skills can add to your bottom line by tackling enthusiastically that project, opportunity or research. During the summer and the school year, energetic interns provide valuable services to local, regional, and national organizations at little or no cost.

Kevin Miquelon, Intern, HSBC, New York, N.Y.

Kevin Miquelon joined HSBC as a summer investment-banking intern in their New York office. Headquartered in London, HSBC is one of the largest banking and financial services organizations in the world with operations in 88 countries. When companies want to buy, sell or merge with another company, they hire an investment banker to value the transaction. Miquelon valued target companies by analyzing their financial ratios, expenses, revenues, strengths and weaknesses. He presented his team’s results using PowerPoint presentations. HSBC was so impressed with Miquelon’s performance that they offered him a full-time job as an investment-banking analyst upon his graduation.

Lana Hong, Intern, 3A Credit, Shanghai, China

Lana B. Hong interned at 3A Credit in Shanghai, People’s Republic of China. At 3A Credit, she utilized the financial skills she learned at the Walton College in combination with her fluency in Mandarin Chinese. She learned what it was like to conduct business in a global setting. Hong’s internship helped her launch her career at Raymond James in Tampa, Florida. At Raymond James, she will participate in the Options Rotation Program where she will work as an asset manager, project analyst, securities trader, banker, equity research analyst, and syndication associate. After she completes the Options Rotation Program, she’ll choose one of these areas for a longer-term assignment.

Kennon Largent, Intern, Arkansas World Trade Center, Rogers, Ark.

When Kennon Largent was a rising senior, he interned at the Arkansas World Trade Center in Rogers during the school year. There, he researched trade opportunities between Arkansas based businesses and burgeoning markets in Brazil, Peru, Chile and Mexico. The experience Largent gained through his internship helped him secure a job as an investment-banking analyst at Stephens Inc. in Little Rock. His responsibilities at Stephens will include analyzing financial statements and trends; creating presentations for management and clients; and performing due diligence for mergers, acquisitions, leveraged buy-outs, and initial public offerings.
Barry Davidson, Fund Manager
Equity Momentum Fund, LLP

“I truly believe my business was enhanced with an intern. Ketan picked up my daily routine quickly. After only a few days he was able to assist me in system-back testing which is an on-going effort at any quant fund when not “in” the market. (In fact, he quickly pointed out that there were available upgrades to important software that I use every day.) On trading days he was able to do any of the items on my pre-trading checklist.

His presence in my office after only a few days allowed me to do more intensive, creative, ongoing system development projects I had wanted to do for quite some time. In fact, for the first time, I was able to construct a proprietary trading index. This new in-house index I call BDCX is a significant enhancement to my system which will pay benefits for years to come.

I personally gained from the formal internship even before the intern stepped into my office to begin working. I knew I wanted to make the most of my time and the intern’s. I wanted it to be meaningful for both of us. Therefore, I reviewed my operation looking at my daily routine, my short-term goals in all areas, my office needs in terms of space, software and hardware, my current and long term research wants and needs, and my budget.”

Ketan Chawla, Intern, Equity Momentum Fund LLC
Dallas, Texas

During the summer of 2010, Ketan Chawla, a graduating senior, interned at the Equity Momentum Fund, a hedge fund in based in Dallas, Texas. There he assisted the fund manager Barry Davidson with investment research, and back-tested trading strategies. He also researched trading models for equities, options and currencies. Ketan’s internship with Barry Davidson at the Equity Momentum Fund led to a permanent position at the Zweig, White consulting firm in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Kevin Chen, Intern, Arkansas Securities Department
Little Rock, Ark.

Rising senior Kevin Chen worked as a summer intern at the Arkansas Securities Department, the state securities regulator in Little Rock. There he researched active enforcement cases. He also updated investor education materials and prepared spreadsheets from bank account and broker-dealer account statements.

“Kevin is very hard working and has impressed the staff with his knowledge and work ethic. Kevin’s internship has been beneficial to the Department.” Ann McDougal, Deputy Securities Commissioner, Arkansas Securities Department.

Internships are win-win situations. Students gain valuable work experience, often leading to permanent jobs. Employers benefit by interns’ contributions to their companies.

To discuss opportunities for paid or unpaid student internships during the summer or school year, please contact Craig Rennie at crennie@walton.uark.edu or call him at (479) 236-4777