

## **INTERNSHIP SELECTION QUESTIONS**

*Internships are a wonderful way to gain valuable experience, apply theories and concepts to real-world situations and issues, network with professionals in the field, and support the good work of community organizations—all while earning course credit! The following questions may be considered as students explore internship opportunities that will best meet their educational and professional goals.*

### **Internship characteristics**

- What problems am I interested in solving?
- What population or community (e.g., age, ethnic/cultural background, presenting challenges) do I wish to serve?
- What learning opportunities do I wish to have at an internship?
- What specific skills do I wish to learn or expand on during an internship?
- What experiences would be useful in preparing me for a future career or academic/training program?
- What workplace settings would be a good fit for me?
- What supervision style would be a good fit for me?

### **Student characteristics**

- What relevant field or work experience do I have?
- What relevant coursework or training do I have?
- What personal strengths and knowledge can I contribute to an internship experience?
- What concerns do I have about my preparation or suitability for particular kinds of internship experiences?
- What time can I commit to an internship, given my other academic, work, and personal responsibilities?
- What transportation or location constraints do I have?

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<https://thesanfordschool.asu.edu/internships>