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## **PAID INTERNSHIP DATABASE FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS ESTABLISHED BY MISSOURI JOB CENTER OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY**

**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** --- Experts say college students who do an internship – or two, or three – are more likely to have jobs waiting for them when they get out of school. But how do they quickly and easily find out about available paid internships? For those looking in St. Charles County, it just got easy!

A new online internship database developed by the St. Charles County Department of Workforce & Business Development, operator of the Missouri Job Center of St. Charles County, is the answer. The database is comprised of internship positions for skilled occupations paying \$10 an hour or more.

“One way to engage the next generation of workforce who are now going away to college is to showcase all the outstanding employment opportunities waiting for them in St. Charles County when they return home for summer break,” says Scott J. Drachnik, Executive Director of the Missouri Job Center of St. Charles County. “We want all these future engineers, accountants, IT professionals, doctors, scientists and other skilled workers to know there are paid internships available right here, in their field of study, when they come home for summer, winter and spring breaks. There is no reason for them to move away for a job when they graduate, because St. Charles County is an award-winning place to live and to work.”



To be included in this online clearinghouse, interested local companies should send intern job descriptions to the Missouri Job Center of St. Charles County, along with basic information such as length of internship, pay, etc. Positions are added to the new “Paid Internships” section of the center’s website:

<http://sccmo.org/Internships>

“We are ready to assist any local company offering paid internships that are linked to skilled occupations or projects connected to a college student’s field of study,” says Drachnik, emphasizing that internships for unskilled positions will not be included in this database.



There is no charge to either the student or the business for this service. Businesses interested in listing their paid internships with the Missouri Job Center of St. Charles County are encouraged to contact Lori Myers at 636-255-6060, ext. 5260, or at [lmyers@sccmo.org](mailto:lmyers@sccmo.org), or Kim Fiorni-Willis at 636-255-6060, ext. 5273, or at [kfiorni-willis@stchas.edu](mailto:kfiorni-willis@stchas.edu).

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**Photos:** Interns Brittany Baker, St. Charles County Police Department intern; and Ian Fortier and Katie Aubuchon, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney.

**About St. Charles County**

Founded in 1812, St. Charles County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, and the state's third largest county in both population and economic share. St. Charles County consistently ranks one of the healthiest places to live in Missouri in the County Health Rankings report published by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. It is home to 12 scenic county parks encompassing more than 2,800 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.

With a population of 385,840, St Charles County is home to large employers including General Motors, Citi, MasterCard Worldwide and Boeing. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.

St. Charles County Government employs nearly 1,100 in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop. For more information, please visit [www.sccmo.org](http://www.sccmo.org).