

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Question: How do I find an externship?

Answer: It's up to you (the student) to do so. Identify the areas of interest you want your externship to be in and start there using your network of contacts. Ask friends and family for recommendations. Your counselor is happy to help discuss suggestions with you.

Question: What is the Mentors Partnership in Education Resource Catalog?

Answer: The Mentors Partnership in Education Resource Catalog is a list of area businesses and agencies that are supportive of the MHS externship program and are looking for externs. But there are limited externships available. If you are interested in a specific opportunity, contact that place and person via email or telephone.

Question: Do I have to take an externship in the Career Shadowing Externship Catalog?

Answer: No. Your externship opportunity is up to you but must be approved in advance by Mr. Gliatta as part of the Thunderbird Career Shadowing Externship Program process. Be sure to check the requirements for externships on the Thunderbird Career Shadowing Externship Program website.

Question: Do I have to apply to be part of the program?

Answer: No. You will complete the online Google application once you have found an externship opportunity and it is agreed that this will be your place. You only complete one application.

Question: Who is eligible to be part of this program?

Answer: Any grade 11/12 student who is in good academic standing and on track to graduate and who has good attendance. There are no GPA requirements.

Question: How do you determine if an externship is 30 minutes away? Answer: We use google driving directions and the starting address of Mahwah High School. If you have an amazing opportunity of 40 minutes or so, please discuss with your counselor.

Question: Where are the limits for a remote externship?

Answer: Nothing really. Pursue something of interest for you. Find a place that you are interested in that you could remotely intern with from Mahwah, NJ. However, the externship itself has to be remote (the employees have not returned to an office setting).

Question: What is the expected schedule?

Answer: It is up to the externship site and you to determine. It is about 10 hours (minimum). This can be a combination of the several days or over several weeks.

Question: When is the application due?

Answer: The completed online application is due March 3rd. The online Google application is found on the Thunderbird Externship Program: Career Pathway Exploration & Job Shadowing website.

Question: Can externships be paid?

Answer: No. These are unpaid externships. You are welcome to work outside of your externship hours at a different job, or if it is at the same place, have different responsibilities. If you do plan on working and externing at the same place, you must discuss this with Mr. Gliatta in advance of applying.

Question: I still have many questions. What do I do? Answer: Organize your questions, and schedule time with Mr. Gliatta.