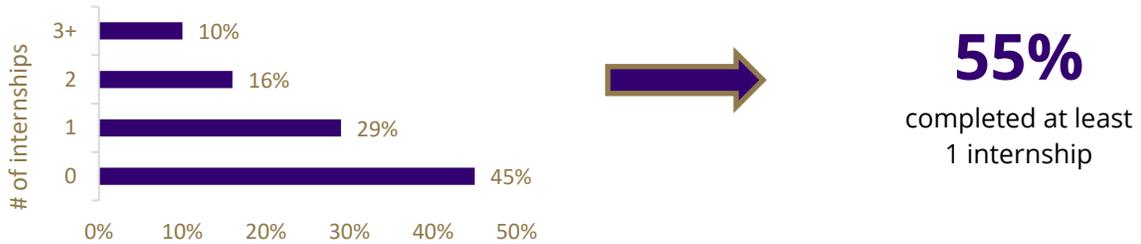


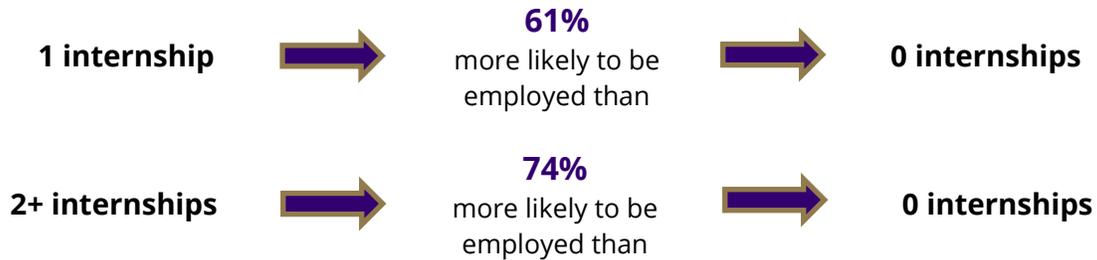
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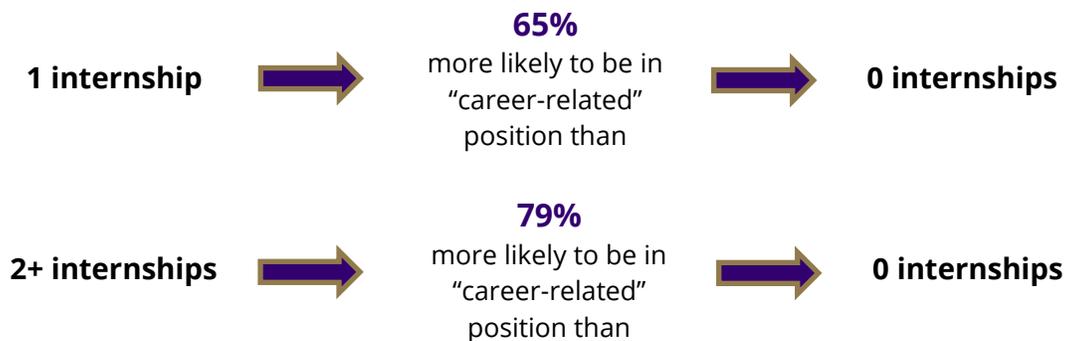
Are you still seeking employment 6 months after graduation?



How important are the skills you gained from your internship(s) to your current position?

average score of **3.4** out of **4** = **moderately to very important**

Is your current position career-related (part of, or a step towards, a career goal or plan)?



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SUBJECTS:

- Sent to 7,485 UW-Seattle alumni who received undergraduate degrees during the 2016-2017 academic year. 2,071 students responded, for a 28% response rate.
- Survey sent 6-7 months after graduation.

VARIABLES:

- Independent 1: **Internship participation** during college: "How many internships (paid or unpaid) did you complete while earning your most recent degree from the UW?" Choices were 0, 1, 2, and 3.
- Independent 2: **Perceived importance of internship**: "How important are the skills and abilities you gained from participating in internships to your current position?" Choices were Very Important (4), Moderately Important (3), Somewhat Important (2), and Not At All Important (1).
- Dependent 1: **Employment status**: "Which of the following best describes your current primary status?" Those "seeking employment" were compared to those who were employed. Alumni on other tracks (graduate school, traveling, etc.) were omitted from the analyses.
- Dependent 2: **Career-relatedness of job**: "Is your current position career-related (part of, or a step towards, a career goal or plan)?" Only employed alumni were included in the analyses.

DATA ANALYSES:

- Overall internship participation levels were analyzed with frequencies.
- Perceived importance of internships was analyzed with a mean.
- Chi-square analysis was employed to investigate whether internship participation was related to the dependent variables (employment status and career-relatedness).
- Logistic regression was employed to investigate whether the specific number of internships completed was related to the dependent variables (employment status and career-relatedness).

RESULTS – INTERNSHIP PARTICIPATION:

- 0 internships = 815, 45%
- 1 internship = 525, 29%
- 2 internships = 279, 16%
- 3+ internships = 187, 10%

RESULTS – PERCEIVED IMPORTANCE:

- Average score of 3.4 indicated that employed alumni considered the skills and abilities they gained from their internships to be moderately to very important to their current positions.

RESULTS – EMPLOYMENT STATUS:

- Internship participation was significantly related to whether an alum was employed (N=1613) or still seeking employment (N=193) 6 months after graduation. $\chi^2(1, N=1806) = 15.72, p=.000$.
- Alumni who completed 1 internship (N=428) during their time at UW were 61% more likely to be employed 6 months after graduation than alumni who did not participate in an internship (N=633).
- Alumni who participated in 2 or more internships (N=383) during their undergraduate studies were 74% more likely to be employed 6 months after degree completion than alumni who did not participate in an internship (N=633).

RESULTS – CAREER-RELATEDNESS OF POSITION:

- Internship participation was significantly related to whether one's position 6 months after degree completion was career-related (N=959) or not career-related (N=183). $\chi^2(1, N=1142) = 31.69, p=.000$.
- Employed alumni who completed 1 internship (N=343) while at UW were 65% more likely than new graduates who did not complete an internship (N=472) to consider their job to be "career-related".
- Employed alumni who participated in 2+ internships (N=327) during their time at UW were 79% more likely than people who did 0 internships (N=472) to consider their position to be "career-related."