University of West Florida students of the Hal Marcus College of Science and Engineering
Pursue baccalaureate and master’s degrees from the following departments:

Undergraduate
• Biology
• Chemistry
• Computer Science
• Earth and Environmental Sciences
• Electrical & Computer Engineering
• Information Technology
• Mathematics and Statistics
• Mechanical Engineering
• Physics

Graduate
• Biology
• Computer Science
• Earth and Environmental Sciences
• Information Technology
• Mathematics and Statistics

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HMCSE Internship Program
Engaging UWF HMCSE students and community partners through paid learning experiences to develop tomorrow’s STEM professionals.

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The Hal Marcus College of Science and Engineering Internship Program offers high-performing UWF students the transformative experiences required to be successful in today's STEM workforce. Internship mentors direct how these students develop the professional skills demanded by local, regional, and national employers. Many students lack the financial resources to pursue unpaid internships, despite extensive evidence of their benefits to student and employer alike.

Changing UWF
By engaging community partners in this program, HMCSE aspires to increase the breadth of internship opportunities available to UWF students and the number of students who participate in these important professional development experiences.

Additionally, HMCSE is seizing this opportunity to better link ourselves to our local and regional community. We will engage representatives from each participating internship provider in department, college, and university service, including professional advisory boards and curriculum review.

Changing your enterprise
By joining UWF’s HMCSE to offer paid internship experiences to our best and brightest, your group gains access to the next generation of STEM workforce professionals. Top UWF students will submit applications targeted to the professional needs of each position.

Furthermore, professional advisory boards and other engagement mechanisms provide opportunities to explore how UWF can best prepare students to meet the needs of your business and clientele.

Internships and CoOps at UWF
Internships and Cooperative Education (CoOp) programs are designed to provide UWF students opportunity to gain experience related to their major. Students seek these opportunities to gain academic knowledge and real-world work experience to become more marketable for full-time, post-graduation careers.

- **Internships:** Often a one semester experience that may or may not be for academic credit. It may also be paid or unpaid, but employers should comply with the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). Students typically seek internships in their junior and senior years in college.

- **Cooperative Education (CoOp):** Multi-semester experiences that are always for course credit and always paid. There are two forms of CoOps: parallel or alternating.
  - A parallel CoOp student works and goes to school at least 3 semesters in a row, averaging 15-25 hours a week at work and 9-12 academic credits.
  - An alternating CoOp student alternates between workplace and school semester by semester, working 40 hours a week during work terms and going to school full time during academic terms.

Providing funded internships to gifted University of West Florida STEM students of HMCSE
The HMCSE Internship Program will provide exceptional UWF students pursuing transformation internship experiences with a stipend of at least $12 per hour for 120 hours of engagement with private and public internship partners over the span of a 16-week academic term.

The HMCSE Internship program will fundamentally change the nature of academic and professional preparation of the next generation of STEM students for both UWF and our partners.

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