

ROADMAP FOR INTERNSHIPS IN PSYCHOLOGY

Students in the Department of Psychology have the opportunity to get an internship placement with a community organization in order to gain hands-on experience related to psychology. Cal State LA has many community partners that students can be connected with in order to complete an internship for one or more semesters, and students can earn course credit through PSY 3950 or PSY 3980. See the full "Guide to Psychology Undergraduate Student Internships" for more detailed information.

01 Decide if you want a paid vs. unpaid internship

Before figuring out what paperwork you need to complete, decide if you want an unpaid internship (3 hrs/wk for 1 unit) or a paid internship (10 hrs/wk for 1 unit)

02 Explore internship options

If you already have a job in an applied setting, working in service to others, you can get course credit for that! If you don't, there are many internship options through Cal State LA - see #4 on the full internship Guide for more information.

03 Secure an internship

Once you've found a few internships that you're interested in, contact them to learn about their application process and apply. Apply to 2-3 to make sure you secure an internship.

04 Complete paperwork for course credit

Work with the Psychology Department to make sure your internship has the necessary paperwork for Cal State LA approval. For unpaid internships, enroll in PSY 3950; for paid internships, enroll in PSY 3980.

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