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#### IE PRE-GRADUATE SCHOOL INTERNSHIP

“The IE Pre-Graduate School Internship Program provides students with a unique mentoring experience that encourages them not only to explore graduate study, but to own their education and use it to make a difference in their communities. The IE Pre-Grad Internship is offered for academic credit, and student participants work closely with a graduate student mentor and faculty supervisor to create an internship experience aimed at exploring their chosen field of study.

Participants learn about the unique aspects of graduate study that make it different from their undergraduate experience (e.g. conducting research, writing for scholarly audiences, participating in seminars, serving as teaching and research assistants, publishing articles in professional journals, etc.).

Additionally, all IE students attend workshops where they reflect on their experiences and exchange their insights on what they're learning about themselves, the culture of graduate school and academe, and how to obtain admissions and funding. At the end of the internship, students write a report about their experiences and insights and share it with their faculty supervisor, graduate school mentor, and fellow IE interns.

Students interested in participating in the program first need to find a graduate student mentor and/or faculty member willing to supervise research. The IE Program can help students connect to resources that will help them do so. Students then complete a contract with the IE program and enroll in an internship course that can count for up to three hours. Students can enroll as interns through the fourth class day of each semester. Interns can earn travel grants and/or a \$1,000 award for participating in the program.”