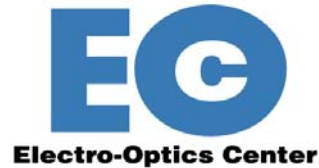


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## EOC Seeks Alliance Members to Participate in 2009 Internship Program

The Electro-Optics Center seeks Electro-Optics Alliance members to participate in our 2009 internship program. Internships provide the students valuable applied learning experiences that complement their academic and career goals. They offer participating companies "surge capacity" to handle short term needs and the chance to evaluate potential new hires. Opportunities may be exploratory in nature, or they may offer advanced training.

Internships typically occur during the summer, but other arrangements can be made depending on the employer's need and the student's availability. In addition, students often are available to work part-time during the academic year, which provides continuity with the work experience.

Students at all levels of education are eligible to participate in an internship - freshman through graduate student - depending upon the needs of the organization. The intern sponsor determines the qualifications and skills needed for each position.

As a part of the internship experience at the Electro-Optics Center, each student is required to submit a poster representing their accomplishments. A poster provides a means for students to share what they have learned, results they have produced and the educational value of the work they have done. Posters are displayed at the Electro-Optics Center and at various outreach venues.

Internships provide a valuable opportunity for not only the student, but also for the industry sponsor. Participation in the EOC's program has led to the hiring of several of our former interns as full-time employees. If your company would like to sponsor internships, please contact Wendy Gilpin ([wendy-gilpin@psu.edu](mailto:wendy-gilpin@psu.edu)).