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# Experiential Learning

Monthly Update

## November 2023

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Hi students,

I know it's not November until tomorrow (Happy Halloween!), but I wanted to send this a little earlier so you knew about the upcoming [Engineering & Tech Networking Night](#) that's happening this Thursday evening. It'll be a great chance to gain valuable industry connections, as well as learn about potential career paths from alumni and employers.

For students who are interested in starting their own company or working for a startup, [Global Entrepreneurship Week](#) is also happening in November. It's a joint effort hosted by Pitt and Carnegie Mellon University that's been happening for several years. Be sure to check out the Startup Job Fair being held at CMU if you're looking to work or volunteer with one now. And for students who aren't quite sold on entrepreneurialism, check out this [blog post](#) I wrote in my former role, "5 Reasons Why Building Innovation and Entrepreneurial Skills Are a Great Investment to Your Career."

Don't forget to complete the Summer Experience Survey before it closes on November 30! Details are listed at the end of this email, but you can potentially win prizes, such as a Pitt blanket, hammock, or mug. Any experience is valid, whether it's interning, volunteering, or just relaxing.



Have a great month,

Emily Bennett

Manager of Experiential Learning, SCI

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## Featured Events

### Careers in Engineering & Tech Networking Night

Gain valuable connections and learn more about potential career paths from alumni and employers at this evening event, held on November 2.



[Register](#)

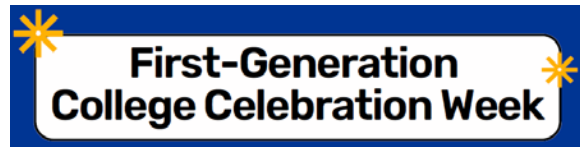


### Global Entrepreneurship Week

Attend entrepreneurial related events being held from November 13-19, including a startup job fair hosted by Carnegie Mellon University.

[More Info](#)

## First-Generation College Celebration Week



Students who are first in their families to attend college should check out this fun week of activities, held November 6-10th.

[More Info](#)

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## Spotlight: Co-Ops

For students looking for a more immersive industry experience, electing to secure a co-op position and participate in the program, can be a great alternative to an internship or practicum. While both experiences provide a hands-on opportunity to learn, earn valuable skills and industry connections and professional mentorship, co-op involves a more in-depth work experience and in some cases, students have even seen an increase in their GPAs.

Students participating in the co-op program typically work one or two semesters of full-time work, alternating with taking courses. For undergraduate students, the program requires completing two rotations sometime after their second semester of their sophomore year and may delay graduation. Graduate students typically complete one rotation during the summer after their first year. Regardless of major or degree type, students should meet with their advisors and read over the complete [policies](#) before searching for co-op positions.

To better understand the recruiting timeline (which is similar to the internship search) and for more information on how to land a co-op position, visit the Gaining Experience page of the Career Resources section of the SCI's Career Services site [here](#). There's additional information regarding application materials, strategizing, interview prep, and more.

For more 1:1 advice, feel free to schedule an appointment with [Peter Su](#) in the Career Center to discuss your search or myself in relation to

registering an experience with the co-op program. There's also an upcoming [info session](#) on this topic being held on November 7th.

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## Featured Resources

### Big Idea Center

Through offering acceleration, incubation, mentoring, networking, competitions, and events, the Big Idea Center provides students with the tools they need to be innovative and entrepreneurial.



[More Info](#)

### Global Experiences Office

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With over 350 programs in 75 countries, the Global Experiences Office helps to provide a global experience for all students. Programs range from short-term to year-long experiences.

[More Info](#)

### Interstride

A resource that helps international students find jobs and internships, network with



other international and globally-minded students, and find immigration and career support.

[More Info](#)

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## Selected Opportunities

[Remote Game Testing Intern - AI Game Creation](#) at Playgo.ai

[STEP Intern, First-Year Student](#) at Google

[Evaluation Service Summer Internship](#) at London Stock Exchange Group

[Co-op/Intern - Software Engineering \(Spring 2024\)](#) at Innovative Systems

[Rec2Tech Volunteer STEM Educator](#) at CitiParks

[Black Girls Tech Summit](#) hosted by Girls Talk Corporation

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## Fall Workshop Schedule

[Co-op Info Session](#) | November 7, 2 - 2:50 p.m.

[Make the Most of Your Winter Break](#) | December 8, Noon - 12:50 p.m.

All of the remaining events this semester are virtual, no pre-registration necessary!

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## Summer Experiences Survey

### SCI's Summer Experiential Learning Survey

Did you participate in experiential learning over the summer? This could be interning, conducting research, volunteering, working a part-time job, relaxing, etc. and SCI would love to hear all about it! The information

gathered will assist in designing relevant programming and resources for students.

Complete this brief survey and earn a chance to win some Pitt gear (blanket, hammock, or mug)! Giveaway ends on November 30 at 11:45 p.m. and winners will be announced on December 5 at 5 p.m.

[Submit Here](#)

## Quick Links



[Experiential Learning Policies](#)

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