

# No Summer Internship?

## No Problem.

### You can do things other than an internship.

If a full-time, career-related summer internship doesn't work out, you can still build relevant experience by combining seasonal or part-time work, certifications, and independent or project-based learning.

#### Alternatives to Internships:

1. Build experience through a seasonal or part-time job: Example of job boards for seasonal/summer roles
  - [COOL](#): Sauder's Career Opportunities Online platform
  - [LinkedIn](#): Use keywords like "Summer Internship" or "Entry-level"
  - [UBC Careers Centre](#): Curated campus-based jobs at UBC
  - [Job Bank Canada](#): Summer job bank for Canadians aged 15-30 who are legally entitled to work in Canada.
  - [WorkBC](#): Summer jobs in BC. Filter by "Seasonal" under Job Type
  - [Charity Village](#): Summer jobs in Canada's non-profit sector. Filter by "Seasonal."
2. Obtain leadership experience: Example - Join a student club or organization
  - [Commerce Undergraduate Society \(CUS\) Student Clubs](#)
  - [UBC Sauder Spark](#).
  - [AMS Clubs Directory](#).
3. Network through events, LinkedIn/Ten Thousand Coffees, or informational interviews.
  - Refer to your [Toolkits and Working In guides](#) on [COOL](#) for tips on how to get started
    - [LinkedIn](#)
    - [Ten Thousand Coffees](#): a platform connecting students with alumni for career conversations and networking
    - Ready to chat with an industry pro or alum? Book a career appointment with a BCom Career Strategist who can facilitate introductions from our networks of professionals.
4. Prepare for your next big application: Some summer internship deadlines open as early as the summer or fall of the previous year. Refer to your [Toolkits](#) and [book a career appointment](#) to get support and guidance to be prepared for next summer. Once you're ready to apply for internships, explore opportunities on [COOL](#) from employers interested in hiring UBC Sauder students. You can also search for internships here:
  - UBC's [CareersOnline](#)
  - [Eco Canada](#)
  - [LinkedIn](#)
  - [Indeed](#)

5. Start a business. Here are some resources to check out:

- [Futurpreneur](#)
- [BDC – Young Entrepreneur Resources](#)

6. Complete Virtual Work Experience and Employer Projects. Examples: FORAGE and Riipen

A. [FORAGE](#): Internships, jobs, exclusive events, and free, self-paced simulations created by top global companies

- Eligibility: Open to everyone, including international students
- Example FORAGE virtual experience programs include:
 

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Quantum (Data Analytics)</li> <li>■ Cognizant (AI)</li> <li>■ BCG (Data Science)</li> <li>■ HSBC (Global Banking &amp; Markets)</li> <li>■ Citi (Finance/investment banking)</li> <li>■ Goldman Sachs (Risks)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ GE Aerospace (Human Resources, Supply Chain)</li> <li>■ Bank of America (Investment Banking)</li> <li>■ EA (Product Management)</li> <li>■ KPMG (Tax, Audit &amp; Assurance)</li> <li>■ PepsiCo (Sales)</li> <li>■ BCG (GenAI, Strategy Consulting)</li> </ul>
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B. [Riipen](#): Project-based internships in areas such as digital marketing, product management, UX/UI, learning design, software development, and IT (80 hours over 2–8 weeks).

- Eligibility: open to Canadian citizens, Permanent Residents, or persons to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

7. Volunteer: Apply for volunteering experiences through non-profit websites or browse volunteer opportunities on [Charity Village](#).

8. Develop a specific skill through project-based learning, certifications, and online learning:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <a href="#">15 SQL Project Ideas for Practice</a></li> <li>■ <a href="#">Kaggle – Datasets+Machine Learning Projects</a></li> <li>■ <a href="#">LinkedIn Learning</a> (free access via <a href="#">Vancouver Public Library</a>)</li> <li>■ <a href="#">Coursera</a></li> <li>■ <a href="#">edX</a></li> <li>■ <a href="#">Udacity</a></li> <li>■ <a href="#">Lighthouse Labs</a>: tech education</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <a href="#">DataCamp – Data, coding, and AI</a></li> <li>■ <a href="#">Google Analytics Academy</a></li> <li>■ <a href="#">Code First Girls – Free short courses</a></li> <li>■ <a href="#">Best Product Management Courses (CareerFoundry)</a></li> <li>■ See your <a href="#">Working In Guides</a> on <a href="#">COOL</a> for additional program-specific certification options.</li> </ul> |
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9. Actively participate in, or plan to engage in, case and pitch competitions to build practical skills and enhance your future career opportunities.

- [Pitch Competitions in Canada](#)
- [Sauder Case Competitions](#)
- Example of pitch competition taking place in the summer months: [She has a Deal](#)
- Further competitions are listed in your [Working In Guides](#) found on [COOL](#)
- To find case/pitch competitions, also explore:
  - Professional associations
  - Competitions hosted by UBC clubs, programs, or faculties

10. Update your portfolio and develop your personal brand:

- Marketing portfolio resources:
  - [How to create an online marketing portfolio](#)
  - [Create a mock project for marketing](#)
- Tech/data science:
  - How to create a GitHub portfolio (YouTube tutorial)

11. Travel or explore cross-cultural experiences

Check out the UBC [GoGlobal site](#) to learn about travel abroad opportunities as a UBC student.



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