PRIME SUMMER 2021

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PRIME Overview

PRIME is an internship program for students who are identified as gifted and/or who are taking a Career and Technical Education (CTE) course at the Career Center with the expectation of completing a sequence. Students must be at least 16 and rising juniors or seniors.

The purpose of PRIME is to create the opportunity for students to work as unpaid interns in professional organizations, nonprofits, and businesses related to their fields of potential career interest.

Interns are matched with mentors who help them expand their understanding of work by providing side by side experience in real world environments.

Summer Program Requirements

☐ Students must be 16 when they begin their internship.
☐ All students must complete the application process outlined on the Career Center website, including application form, resume, essay, letters of reference, and interview by the specified dates.
☐ Students at in-person sites MUST have transportation to and from their internship sites or be willing and able to use public transportation.
☐ Students must commit to the entire four weeks of PRIME. No exceptions can be made.
☐ Students will be asked to indicate their placement preference (in person, virtual or either)

Important Dates

- Applications due Jan. 12, 2021
- Two letters of recommendation due Jan. 15, 2021
- Interviews Mid Jan early-mid Feb
- PRIME Orientation May 27, 2021, 4-6:30 PM, Career Center Commons or virtual.

- Target date to confirm placements May 28, 2021
- Internship Dates July 6-July 30, 2021

Grading policy/ credit

- ☐ Pass/Fail grade awarded on high school transcript.
- ☐ 140 hours equal 1 credit.
- ☐ Grade/credit appears on 2020 transcript.

(Please note that this policy is subject to change based on Coronavirus guidelines in place in July, 2021.)

PRIME Expectations

PRIME interns will:

☐ Work with PRIME staff to establish a satisfactory internship placement.
☐ Document PRIME activities (internship, field trips etc.)
☐ Maintain weekly presence on the interactive, reflective blog.
☐ Participate in group activities with other PRIME interns and staff (either in person or virtually).
☐ Prepare a short essay about internship experience to share with peers and staff.
☐ Complete a 10 question survey at the conclusion of PRIME.

Typical Internship Experiences

Please note that not all career areas may be available, due to Covid restrictions.

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*Legal - Courts

*Medical

*TV Production

*Education Science

*Writing - Reporting

*Technology

*Public Information

*Design/Construction

*Music

*Animal – Vet Tech

*Computer

*Etc.

Q and A

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