QUEEN'S UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

START DATES
- May/September
- January

POSITIONS
- part-time
- full-time

WORK TERMS
- 12 months
- 16 months

Program Overview

- Graduate with "Professional Internship" on your degree.
- Learn about current advances, practices, and technologies in business and industry.
- Test drive a career, earn a competitive salary, and get real world experience.

Eligibility

- 2nd or 3rd year students
- Minimum GPA of 1.9

Why QUIP?

- Gain a year of career-related work experience.
- Build network connections.
- Receive support from Queen's staff in job search and during internship.

Top 5 Reasons to Study English Language and Literature

1. To learn to read and think more actively and creatively.
2. To develop your ability to write effectively and with greater clarity and precision.
3. To expose yourself to an exciting diversity of literary works written in English.
4. To develop a vocabulary for responding critically and incisively to the written word.
5. To broaden your aptitudes in expressing complex ideas and formulating persuasive arguments.

For more information, contact quip@queensu.ca or visit the Program Website.

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Top 5 English Majors and Concentrations

1. Acquire: Critical Thinking
2. Gain: Communication
3. Experience: Writing
4. Go: International Studies
5. Global: Education

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English

When you study English at Queen's, you'll learn to read perceptively, analyze clearly, and above all, communicate effectively. Students will explore the literary canon, including writers such as Shakespeare, Austen, and Brontë, but will also engage with current text forms, such as graphic novels and works by contemporary writers. Queen's English encourages an eclectic approach to the subject, combining attention to methodology and core knowledge with the flexibility to support individual passions.

Sample Past Internships

- Having breakfast
- International Water/Environment
- Issues
- Technical Writing
- Queen’s Analysis

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2ND YEAR
In first year, you will have the chance to explore the foundations of English along with some electives.
Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options.

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE
Get involved in student publications, such as the Queen's Journal, Muse, or Ultraviolet Magazine. Explore broadcasting opportunities at CFRC and QTV. If you are interested in creative writing courses, work on your portfolio.
See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen's Get Involved page for more ideas.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY
Volunteer on- or off-campus with different community organizations, such as Frontier College/Queen's Students for Literacy or Kingston WriterFest.

GET THINKING GLOBALY
Prepare for work or studies in a multicultural environment by taking QUCI's Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.
Speak to a QUCI advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION
Grapple with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help with career options from Career Services.

2ND YEAR
Delve more deeply into the discipline of English, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as, International Studies. Attend Degree+ in the Fall term to learn more about Certificates and Internship options.
Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Visit SASS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for some help.

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

3RD YEAR
A chance to start grouping courses in areas of interest, or to keep it more general and explore many areas of English. Meet with an Academic Advisor to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year.

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4TH OR FINAL YEAR
In fourth year, you will have the chance to participate in seminar-sized courses that can lead to Graduates School or to your future career path. Make sure to finish up all your courses for your major and your optional minor and/or certificates.

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What will I learn?
A degree in English can equip you with:
- Communication skills to present ideas clearly and persuasively, orally and in writing.
- Problem solving to approach a complex topic systematically.
- Research skills to understand how texts create meaning and emotional impact.
- Logical thinking to construct an argument for maximum persuasiveness, and to use evidence appropriately.
- Research to gain the knowledge you need to support your argument.
- History of ideas to understand how cultural forms and notions of value change in time.
- Literary theory to explore some of the ways in which literature has been defined, evaluated, and used by different thinkers.
- Cultural study to understand the differences between high and low cultural forms, and their function in society throughout history.
- Resource and time management.

Where can I go?
A degree in English can take your career in many directions. Many students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a Master’s. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:
- Advertising
- Archives
- Business writing
- Copywriting
- Editing
- Human resources
- Journalism
- Public relations
- Publishing
- Technical writing
- Taking time to explore career options, build experience and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation. Some careers may require additional training.

Consider a 12-16 month QUIP internship.

Consider joining professional associations like the Modern Languages Association (MLA).
Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in English.

Visit careers.queensu.ca/majormaps for the online version with links!

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