

Actions to take if your internship has been cancelled/rescinded

Negotiate: Contact the company and see if there are other options.

- Propose how you could do the internship virtually.
- Inquire if there is an option to delay the internship, later either this summer or next school year.

Get another internship this summer: Act quickly.

- Cast a wide net: Be open to different industries and types of jobs.
- Customize: Be ready to customize your résumé to align with different types of jobs. Don't apply to 100 jobs with a résumé that doesn't look like a fit for 99 of them.
- Use Handshake: The Fulton Schools Career Center (FSCC) is working with organizations to update postings in Handshake. Our goal is to ensure that postings on the site represent real options for students.
- Research openings in Handshake: Skim over ALL recent postings in Handshake that are from companies where you might be able to work. Read the descriptions carefully: the company may have skipped over your major, but the description shows that they are hiring similar majors. Apply.
- Check company websites: especially if you see postings on job sites, like Handshake, that are for other jobs. Companies hiring for one position are more likely to have other jobs on their websites. Apply.
- Use other job sites: Use all the job sites that will have positions for you: Glassdoor, LinkedIn, company websites. Look first at recent postings. Older postings may have been cancelled.

Make plans to intern later:

- Can you take classes this summer, so that you could have a semester open for interning?
- Are you open to delaying your graduation?

Consider the industry options and how you can use your major:

- Take a good, hard look at the future. Some industries face serious economic challenges. Students may need to re-evaluate their short- and long-term career goals and identify how they can use their coursework, minors, skills, and project experiences to align with positions in other industries.

Pursue competitions and independent projects:

- Find a technical competition to enter and use the summer to develop your entry. This can be a research, design, or other type of competition. Professional engineering organizations are one source of student competitions.
- Develop your own independent project. Be clear about the objective and be able to have an obvious outcome: research, design, prototype, or similar. This might lead to a publication, a blog entry, a demonstration for a K-12 project, a research poster at a conference, or something similar that would be a tangible result of your work.

Identify general jobs and volunteer options:

- General jobs or volunteer work will allow you to demonstrate initiative and work ethic, and may have ways to develop your technical skills as well.