INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS & INTERNSHIPS

What is an internship?
• A monitored work experience that includes learning goals and reflection
• May be part-time or full-time, paid or unpaid, at least 10 weeks long and 10 hours per week
• Available to all Calvin students who are sophomores or above
• May be for academic credit (completed while taking an internship seminar course at Calvin) or non-credit (completed for experience only). See below for options for international students
• Available fall, spring and summer semesters

Why pursue an internship?
• Explore a specific field of interest related to your major
• Determine if a career is a good fit
• Obtain practical experience to enhance a resume and improve skills
• Supplement theoretical learning with practical applications

How do I get involved in Calvin’s internship program?
• Internships are posted on Handshake at www.calvin.edu/go/career
• Meet with your career coach if you would like assistance (schedule an appointment on Handshake)

Options for international students:
1. Dual citizen attending college as a USA citizen
   • can participate in any of the internship options, credit and noncredit, paid and unpaid; do not need to obtain a CPT work visa, do need a social security number

2. On-campus internship
   • available to all international students for credit and noncredit internships

3. Off-campus internships – unpaid
   • available to all international students; however, may not receive any compensation, work authorization is not needed, can complete a credit or noncredit internship, needs to be related to major

4. Off-campus internships - paid
   • need to have F-1 status and be in good standing
   • must have attended Calvin for 9 consecutive months and maintained full-time (12 credits/ semester) status
   • internship needs to be directly related to your major
   • contact Bryce Carlton in Admissions to obtain a CPT (Curricular Practical Training) work visa application or go to www.calvin.edu/isdo for the CPT forms
   • must register for an internship course, complete an independent study course, or have your advisor connect it to a relevant course
   • CPT visa needs to be approved before you can begin your internship
   • Maximum hours of internship work per week during the school year is 20 hours, full-time is allowed during the summer; maximum internship credits allowed toward graduation is 12 credits