

Virginia Micro-Internship Experience

Student FAQ's

What are the Virginia Micro-Internship Experience program dates for 2026?

In 2026, the Virginia Micro-Internship Experience will run during the summer (May-July) and fall (September- November) terms. Parker Dewey will partner with employers to scope and schedule projects within these timeframes.

How much will I be paid for this experience?

Through state-support funding, projects for this program are fully covered by SCHEV/V-TOP. Upon completion of all program requirements, students are paid directly by Parker Dewey in compliance with Virginia minimum wage laws. For a 15-hour project, students will receive \$315.

I already have a Parker Dewey account. How do I access Virginia Micro-Internship Experience projects?

There is no need to create another account. If you are a current student at an eligible Virginia-based public or private higher education institution, you will have access to these projects.

Click [this link](#) to login to your account. Once logged in, look for the projects labeled "Virginia Micro-Internship Experience" under the "Featured Projects" section of your profile.

Can international students do Micro-Internships?

Projects completed through Parker Dewey are available to international students who are either affiliated with a partner program or those attending a US-based college or university. In both cases, the student must have approved Curricular Practical Training (CPT), Optional Practical Training (OPT), or other work authorization.

If you are a current F-1/J-1 international student, contact the proper office at your college/university (typically international student support or your academic advisor) to confirm your eligibility before applying to projects. If selected for a Micro-Internship, it is your responsibility to ensure compliance with internship requirements and USCIS regulations.

Can undocumented students do Micro-Internships?

Undocumented students in the United States can participate in Micro-Internships however you must have a valid social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), or employer identification number (EIN) in order to be selected for a project and receive payment.

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How many students will be selected for micro-internships?

This program will fund one Micro-Internship per student (up to 110 students in total). The exact number of selected students will depend on how many students apply, meet the eligibility criteria, and are selected by employers.

What if I'm hired by multiple employers?

This program will fund one Micro-Internship per student (up to 110 students in total). If you are selected for more than one project, you should accept the project that best aligns with your interests and withdraw from the others as soon as possible.

If a student remains confirmed on multiple projects, Parker Dewey will contact the student and update your project selections to ensure only one Micro-Internship is confirmed per student.

How long does a Micro-Internship take to complete?

Most Micro-Internships are designed to take between 10 and 40 hours of work by the student to complete, typically completed over the course of several days or weeks, depending on the project and employer expectations. All Virginia Micro-Internship Experience projects are designed to be completed within 15 hours over a 1-3 week period. The exact start and end dates are determined by the organization posting the project. Students should identify projects that align with their availability and ensure projects are completed within the specific timeframe.

Will participating in this project lead to additional opportunities at the agency or organization?

Participation in Micro-Internships does not guarantee consideration for future internships or employment with the agency or organization. However, we encourage students to use this experience to build meaningful skills, expand their social capital, and strengthen their readiness for any future career or professional opportunity.

What are the intellectual property guidelines for student project work?

During the program, students may develop original concepts, designs, or other creative outputs. Any intellectual property resulting from this work will belong to the employer or organization sponsoring the project.

Will I meet with my micro-internship supervisor?

Yes! This Virginia Micro-Internship Experience recognizes the value of student-employer engagement. Employers are encouraged to check-in with students twice for 30-60 minutes during the experience (at the employer's discretion). These meetings provide students with guidance and support from an experienced industry professional as they complete their project.