Why Are Internships Important?

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Today’s Discussion

- Overview / Introductions/ Objectives
- The “Process”
- The Application(s)
- The Interview(s)
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- Q & A
In 1969, a small group of scientists led by physicist Dr. J. Robert Beyster, began the company that would become Leidos today.

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My Background

- Revelle College 1976  BA in Applied Mechanics/Engineering Sciences
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- S-Cubed (Sorrento Valley) 1979-1994
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Get you an internship!
The “Process”

► Define your scope.
► Make a plan.
► Research.
► Network!
► Apply.
► Apply.
► Apply.
► Apply.
► And Apply Again….

► Notes:
► 1. This is a “year-round” process.
► 2. Think outside of the “La Jolla beach bubble”.
► 3. Work experience is work experience – that is the primary importance of the internship.
The Application(s)

- Getting past the robots.
- The ASCII text resume.
- The “pretty printed” PDF resume.
- Tailoring.
The Interview(s)

- Dealing with virtuality.
- Know thy interviewer.
- Be yourself. People want to work with interesting and “fun” colleagues.
- Risk averseness in corporate America.
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Questions?

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