

The Best Way to Get Practice-Ready is to **PRACTICE!**



Externships are the most effective, productive, and rewarding way to develop those **skills** employers really want. Plus, externships let you:

- Get your foot in the door of your chosen practice area
- Decide what area you should even choose with a “test drive”
- Network network network
- Improve your writing skills and develop a sample you can use later
- Do something you can’t do later in practice, like work behind-the-scenes for a judge and see how a court really operates
- Experience a world **outside Fowler** while still getting credit

For more information, explore www.chapman.edu/law/externships, then contact Professor Larmore to discuss your options.



Spots fill quickly, so plan ahead and don't delay!

EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM FAQ

How Many Externships/Units Can I Take? Three (3) part-time externships for 1-5 units each (for 8 units total), or one full-time judicial externship for 10 units. Up to 6 units are available in the summer.

Can I Just Volunteer? Maybe. Many placements don't care if you volunteer or receive credit, even if they call it an "externship," so search the Symplicity listings for volunteer positions, too.

Can I get paid, too? Yes, as long as your supervisor agrees to give you meaningful work and abide by other program requirements.

Where Can I Work? The following is just a sampling of the externships available to Chapman students:

- **Courts:** U.S. District Court, Bankruptcy Court, California Court of Appeal, Cal. Superior Court
- **Government:** DOJ, IRS, SBA, County Counsel, Various City Attorney's Offices
- **Criminal Law:** District Attorney, Public Defender, United States Attorney's Office
- **Public Interest:** Legal Aid Society, Public Law Center, Veteran's Legal Institute
- **Entertainment and In-House:** Viacom Networks, Blizzard, CoreLogic
- **Law firms:** Find one you are interested in on Symplicity (or on your own) and see Professor Larmore about getting it approved!

How Do I Find Info on a Specific Externship? There are many ways:

- Check the OCI schedule, as most of the bigger orgs come on campus to do their hiring
- Review Symplicity for smaller orgs, especially private firms
- Review the externship listings on www.chapman.edu/law/externships to see all other approved placements, including many that accept applications but do not actively recruit
- Google around for an office that interests you

When Do I Apply? That depends. Some placements look five months ahead; others won't start until the end of the semester or later. Just look at the placement's listing, Symplicity ad or website for exact dates.

Can I Work Somewhere Not on the List? Probably. If you find an externship on your own, bring it to Professor Larmore for approval. As long as you would be supervised by a licensed attorney who will give you meaningful work and supervision, the placement should be approved.

I Got the Job! Now What? Once you secure an externship, fill out the application online (find the link in the Externship Handbook on www.chapman.edu/law/externships).

Can I get experiential credit for my externship? Yes, first-time externships of 2 or more units will count toward the experiential learning graduation requirement.

I Have More Questions! Please review the Externship Handbook, which you can download from www.chapman.edu/law/externships for complete details about the Externship Program. Then contact Professor Larmore if you still have questions at Larmore@chapman.edu.