Notice to Prospective International Students

Important information about your Summer Internship

As you know, the Eller MBA program is very focused on providing real world experiential learning opportunities for all our full time MBA students. These opportunities take the form of both required curricular courses, and other additional recommended activities. One of the most important of these recommended, but not required activities is the summer internship between the first and second years. This internship provides for 3 months of actual career-related experience which also allows the student to create a very relevant and useful resume citation.

The securing of the internship is the ultimate responsibility of each student. While the Office of Career Development engages with companies to come and interview students, no guarantees of internship offer can be made. In many cases the individual student utilizes their network to obtain an internship. Full support in terms of resume writing, interview coaching and guidance is provided by the office.

There is one very specific issue regarding internship which applies to international students. In order to meet the requirements of your student (F1) visa under US Immigration Law, you need to apply for Curricular Practical Training (CPT) authorization from the United States Government. This is a fairly routine procedure for which the Office of Career Development provides guidance. However, CPT authorization requires you to register for a 1 credit summer course, BNAD 593 which has a fee currently set at $857 by the University of Arizona. Please be fully aware that you are completely responsible for the payment of this fee, and it is not covered by any scholarships or assistantships.

If you have any questions, please contact either Marisa Cox, Director of Admissions or Sylvia Munoz, Associate Director of Career Development.