Credit-Bearing Internships: Fast Facts from Academic Year 2022-23

Among the course- and student-level data collected annually by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) are data records regarding students who enrolled in and completed internship courses for credit in each academic year (AY). The data comes from the two- and four-year public institutions and those four-year private non-profit institutions that participate in the Tuition Assistance Grant (TAG) program.

From these records, the Virginia Talent + Opportunity Partnership (V-TOP) produces an annual report highlighting activities related to credit-bearing and/or course-level internships in the Commonwealth. These course-level experiences provide a window into the internship activities at Virginia's two- and four-year public and private institutions of higher education.

POST-PANDEMIC PROGRESS IN FOR-CREDIT INTERNSHIP COMPLETIONS

In Academic Year 2022-23, (the most recent available data), a total of 23,103 students participated in credit-bearing, course-level internships at Virginia institutions. This figure represents a notable increase from the pandemic-impacted AY 2020-21 (19,455) and a continuation in growth from AY 2021-22 (21,228).

WHY ARE INTERNSHIPS SO IMPORTANT?

Internships allow students to apply theories they learn in the classroom to practices they undertake in real-world work environments.

Academic or credit-bearing internships allow students to earn course credit while participating in experiential learning.

The variety of internship opportunities – credit, non-credit, zero-credit, and micro-internships afford flexibility to students who might not otherwise be able to participate in these practical learning experiences.

\$1.15 million

Although reliable and generalizable on non-credit work-based data learning are currently unavailable, SCHEV is attempting to capture the full spectrum of internship activities; recent data-collection grants to public institutions totaling \$1.15 million are one means of improving such data.

awardees

SCHEV recently awarded 12 datacollection grants to public four-year institutions to enhance their data collection and reporting activities.

AY 2022-23 AT A GLANCE

INTERNSHIP COMPLETION BY LEVEL

INSTITUTIONS (Public & Private)

57

54% UNDERGRAD

INTERNSHIP

46% Graduate

INTERNSHIP **COMPLETION** BY GENDER

COMPLETION

39% SPRING 70% FEMALE

35% Fall ◆ 26% Summer

INTERNSHIP **COMPLETION BY** UNDERGRAD **CLASSIFICATION** INTERNSHIP COMPLETION TREND

30% Male • .68% Unclassified

71% SENIOR

3% Freshmen ◆ 12% Sophomore ◆ 14% Junior

+8% INCREASE

from AY 2021-22

