

## Internship Opportunities Wish/Obstacle Activity

**Did you know?** 75 percent of 2007 college graduates held internships compared to 35 percent of college graduates in 1982. Internships have become a vital component of a well-rounded education. Internships give you an opportunity to get experience, test drive possible career choices, develop skills, build a network of connections, and earn college credit. The most challenging thing about internships is finding one that suits you and your needs and wants. In this activity, you will have an opportunity to participate in a team problem solving exercise.

### Do this:

Find 3 partners.

Fill out the 3 internship wish/obstacle statements in the space below.

Example: *I wish I could get an internship at Microsoft but I can't move to Redmond, Washington.*

Go around 3 times in your group.

Have each person read one wish/obstacle statement in each round.

No one should respond or give any feedback.

Repeat the same activity, but this time, have the group members give their ideas to overcome the obstacle.

When the class comes back together, be prepared to share what you learned from this activity.

### Statement 1

I wish I could have an internship \_\_\_\_\_

But the obstacle I face is \_\_\_\_\_

### Statement 2

I wish I could have an internship \_\_\_\_\_

But the obstacle I face is \_\_\_\_\_

### Statement 3

I wish I could have an internship \_\_\_\_\_

But the obstacle I face is \_\_\_\_\_

What ideas did you get for overcoming your obstacle? \_\_\_\_\_

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