



MAKE INTERNSHIPS MORE ACCESSIBLE ON UCR GIVE DAY

TILGA INTERNSHIP CHALLENGE

Join us April 6 by making a gift to the Tilga Internship Challenge! In our goal to provide paid internships for every interested UCR student, your gift builds career readiness and leadership skills, helping UCR students succeed in increasingly competitive employment markets across industries.

By supporting internships at UCR, you can help students gain real-world experience in their field of study. Internships invite students to network in their professional industry by helping them build relationships that can lead to future job opportunities. Still today, 40% of internships offered are unpaid. Professional internships develop essential skills such as communication, teamwork, and problem-solving, which are highly valued by employers.

Together we aim to build more support for professional internships and career opportunities for all Highlanders. Every gift helps us reach our goal and win additional challenge prize money on UCR's Give Day!

INTERNSHIP FACTS

- ~ 70% of employers offer ongoing, full-time jobs to successful interns
- ~ Internships increase employability by 85% post-graduation
- ~ Students who complete internships receive 16% more job offers than those who don't
- ~ Roughly 500,000 Americans intern for free each year
- ~ 57% of internships result in full-time job offers

Your donation can help make professional internships more accessible to students who may not otherwise have the financial means to participate in these valuable learning experiences. Your support can cover things such as transportation to and from offices, unpaid internships, and offset additional student costs.

About the Tilga Internship Challenge and the Excel+ Career Readiness plus Leadership Program

UC Riverside Trustee Wally Bakare in partnership with the Office of Undergraduate Education has served as the lead donor and visionary for the Excel+ Career Readiness plus Leadership program. This program is a campus-wide initiative designed to engage students in leadership, professional development opportunities, and building career readiness skills that can be articulated to future employers to make them competitive candidates in a variety of industries.

Internships are an important aspect of the Excel+ program and a critical component of the student experience. As part of his ongoing commitment to the future success of UCR students and to meet the need for paid student internships, Mr. Bakare honors his beloved father and their shared vision for supporting the next generation of industry leaders through the Tilga Internships. He is joined by Provost Watkins and the Office of Undergraduate Education to encourage other generous supporters to invest in internships.

To learn more about donations or other ways to support the program, please contact Kate Beach, director of development, at kate.beach@ucr.edu.



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