

LONG BEACH COMMUNITY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Long Beach Community Internship Program (LBCIP) establishes collaborations with Long Beach nonprofits, small businesses, and city departments to create a bridge for students back to their communities to work, live, and thrive. LBCIP increases the number of CSULB students who complete paid internships while providing opportunities for students to do meaningful work in their own neighborhoods, while they apply coursework to real world settings, hone professional skills, network, and explore local career options.

PROGRAM SPECIFICS

Students participating in the Long Beach Community Internship Program:

- » Complete a minimum of 90 hours of work with Long Beach nonprofits, small businesses, and city departments
- » Enroll in parallel internship courses that provide professional development and coaching
- » Participate in program workshops and trainings
- » Receive \$2,000 participation awards

OUR STUDENTS

- 100%** graduated from a Long Beach high school or are currently living in the local area and consider Long Beach home
- 95%** are students of color
- 80%** are first in their families to earn a college degree

OUR IMPACT

- 100%** of students report benefits to participating in the program including increased confidence and the opportunity to network while giving back to the local community.
- 40%** of students receive job offers from their internship sites or by referral following completion of their internship placements.
- 40%** of participating nonprofit organizations partner with CSULB for the first time by hosting LBCIP interns.

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LBCIP BY THE NUMBERS

5 COLLEGES PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAM: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, LIBERAL ARTS, NATURAL SCIENCES & MATH, ARTS, & ENGINEERING

15 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS & CITY DEPARTMENTS HOSTED STUDENT INTERNS

30 STUDENT INTERNS PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAM

2,940 INTERNSHIP HOURS COMPLETED

\$113,514 OF LABOR CONTRIBUTED TO THE LONG BEACH ECONOMY

SPRING 2024



EDWIN ALONSO

Film & Electronic Arts

Aquarium of the Pacific



NICOLE KAYE AGUSTIN

Community Health Education

City of Long Beach Department of Health & Human Services



BRENDA ALEMAN

Biology

Ground Education



OLUTOSIN AGBELEMOSE

Community Health Education

City of Long Beach Department of Health & Human Services

Student participation awards paid for by the Farmers & Merchants Bank Foundation, Frank and Marjory Newell (Gates Family Foundation) and the E. James Brotman Community Service Endowment.



"My time with LBCIP has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my entire higher education journey... From this experience, I have learned that making personal connections within the community is the best way to influence change. Seeing youth and adults learn about resources and be engaged with the program I helped create was beyond fulfilling. This experience has provided me with a renewed sense of confidence, not only in myself, but also in my aspiration to work in the field of public health.
~ Olutosin Agbelemose



ANGELINA AVILA
Human Development
City of Long Beach
Department of Health & Human Services

"LBCIP was a game changer! Unpaid internships were never an option for me. Previously, professional lab work seemed intimidating, but by working more in a lab and getting hands-on training for multiple procedures, I now feel confident... It now feels easier to talk and connect with other professionals... I now feel more prepared to enter the job market and successfully find a position where I can make a difference."
 ~ Paige Barada



PAIGE BARADA
Environmental Science & Policy
The MOORE Institute for Plastic Pollution Research



SOPHIA MILLER
Exercise Science
City of Long Beach
Department of Health & Human Services

"This experience has given me the chance to explore possible career positions in the environmental studies field. My mentor made this all possible by giving me a safe, encouraging, and challenging workplace. From doing restoration fieldwork and independent projects, to participating and leading groups in a City Nature Event, this internship has made me more confident as a collaborator, leader, and scientist."
 ~ Iris Bonilla



IRIS BONILLA
Environmental Science & Policy
Rancho Los Cerritos



FATIMA CARLOS RAMIREZ
Community Health Education
City of Long Beach
Department of Health & Human Services



NICHOLAS CHAN
Computer Science
The MOORE Institute for Plastic Pollution Research

"This internship has meant everything to me. I have gained so much experience and I have built so many friendships and relationships.... This internship has contributed to my professional and personal growth by teaching me to ask for help when I need it."
 ~ Fatima Carlos Ramirez



RILEY ERSKINE
Community Health Education
City of Long Beach
Department of Health & Human Services

"...This internship has reaffirmed my aspiration and commitment to a career dedicated to serving others, wherever that path may lead. Completing my internship through LBCIP has been incredibly transformative and has empowered me with invaluable skills. As I embark on the next chapter of my journey, I carry with me the lessons and experiences from this remarkable opportunity that I will forever be grateful for."
 ~ Riley Erskine



SUSANA ESTRADA-OCHOA
Community Health Education
City of Long Beach
Department of Health & Human Services



ANJELICA VEGA
Psychology
Shared Science



DIANA GAMINO VERDIN
Consumer Affairs
Aquarium of the Pacific



AMY GARCIA
Psychology
For the Child

"Completing this internship brought me professional development in my news writing skills, graphic design, and collaboration skills, as well as literacy in professional online communication platforms... Ultimately, being able to serve the local Long Beach community, especially young girls and women of color, was so rewarding."
~ Taylor Loegering



NATALIE GETZ
Environmental Science & Policy
Marine Mammal Care Center of Los Angeles



YARETZI LARIOS
Environmental Science & Policy
Aquarium of the Pacific

"At Ground Education, everyday brought something new and interesting. Interacting with children from diverse backgrounds challenged me to adapt and grow... Whether it was exploring nature, educating kids about the environment, or turning someone's bad day around, each interaction presented an opportunity for learning and making connections."
~ Angelica Martinez



TAYLOR LOEGERING
Communication Studies
DemoChicks



VICTORIA LOPEZ
Public Relations
DemoChicks

"LBCIP benefited my tremendously this semester as it allowed me to not only grow professionally, but also as a person. I left the internship with new skills that I believe will help me in the real world...I also have a newfound sense of independence and realize that I am more capable of applying my skills in the professional world than I thought."
~ Victoria Lopez



ANGELICA MARTINEZ
Psychology
Ground Education



ARLETTE TRUJILLO
Community Health Education
Tichenor Clinic for Children

"I feel very lucky to be a part of LBCIP and get placed at an organization that truly wants me to succeed, learn new skills, and do good for the community. The more time I spent at Tichenor, the more opportunities I had to grow. Everyday was a different task and challenge and although it intimidated me, I enjoyed being able to learn and expand my skills."
~ Arlette Trujillo



BRYAN NAJARRO
Communication Studies
For the Child



FABIANA PAREDES
Biology
Southern California Coastal Water Research Project



ESTEFANIA PEREZ
Computer Science
Shared Science



GUSTAVO PEREZ
Community Health Education
City of Long Beach
Department of Health & Human Services

"As a first-generation college student who is navigating college on my own, I was scared for the day when I would have to find an internship. LBCIP helps you from the beginning (getting an internship) to the end of the internship, which few [internship] programs do...Overall, the program has made a huge impact on me. I do not think that if I had to find my own internship and did this all on my own, I would have had the experience that I had."
 ~ Gustavo Perez



CHRISTINA TORRES
Community Health Education
City of Long Beach
Department of Health & Human Services



EMANUEL RAMIREZ
Environmental Science & Policy
Marine Mammal Care Center of Los Angeles

"This internship has pushed me past the point where I had doubts about my abilities as a professional in the film industry. In my internship, I worked on production, post-production, event management, and AV presentations and felt like I finally had a platform to use the skillset I'd been cultivating for years. I thank the Aquarium of the Pacific and LBCIP for this opportunity and its impact on my future prospects and career in media."
 ~ Raziel Plata-Serrato



DAVID REZENDEZ
Biology
Rancho Los Cerritos



MARIA ROJAS
Psychology
For the Child



RAZIEL PLATA-SERRATO
Film & Electronic Arts
Aquarium of the Pacific

POST-INTERNSHIP SURVEYS

To better understand how participating in the Long Beach Community Internship Program benefits students and to identify ways to improve the program, students complete post-internship online surveys. Survey results for the spring 2024 cohort reveal that students experienced both personal and professional growth as a result of completing their internships.

100%
 of students report making valuable contributions to their internship sites.

97%

- rated their internships as either good or excellent.
- noted that they acquired job or work-related skills at their internship sites and had the opportunity to engage with diverse people and ideas.
- reported an increase in self-confidence and a desire to further engage in community service.

86%

- noted that they were able to apply course knowledge to real-world situations at their internship sites.
- reported a better understanding of their strengths and weaknesses at the completion of their internships.
- noted increased clarity in career goals.