

# VSB O'Donnell Center for Professional Development & Accounting Department

## Spring Accounting Internship

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

- The Spring Accounting Internship (SAI) program enables students to obtain in-depth, practical exposure to the business world and various service lines within accounting during the industry's "busy season."
- Students work full time at an accounting or related firm during the spring of junior year, earning 6 free elective credits for the internship experience (ACC 3460).
- Students may complete up to 13 credits through spring semester mini-mester courses and/or by taking courses during the summer following their junior year - allowing them to retain full-time student status and remain on track to graduate in four years. *Study abroad courses are not included.*
- Upon successful completion of the SAI program, many students are offered full-time job opportunities by the host firms.

### PARTICIPATING FIRMS



### LEARN MORE

#### VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Visit [bit.ly/vsbexperientialeducation](https://bit.ly/vsbexperientialeducation) to learn more about the program

#### ATTEND AN INFO SESSION

Visit [bit.ly/vsbsaiinfo](https://bit.ly/vsbsaiinfo) for the schedule of upcoming SAI info sessions and attend one to learn more about the program

#### FIND A ROLE

During the active recruiting season (typically spring semester), visit [bit.ly/vsbsai](https://bit.ly/vsbsai) to find our most up-to-date list on Handshake of current SAI Program openings

### MORE INFORMATION →

#### Questions? Ready to take the next step? Contact us!

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## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1. **Meet with your academic advisor** to discuss course planning.
2. **Attend an SAI info session** ([bit.ly/vsbsaiinfo](https://bit.ly/vsbsaiinfo)) to learn more about the program and if it's the right fit for you. If it is, contact Jennifer Hormell, Assistant Director of Experience Education & Employer Outreach in the O'Donnell Center for next steps.
3. **Complete the SAI preparation activities** as directed by the O'Donnell Center.
4. **Research, apply, & interview for internship postings of interest** ([bit.ly/vsbsai](https://bit.ly/vsbsai))- be mindful that positions are posted as early as 12-15 months prior to the experience timeframe and that the majority of recruiting and interviewing occurs in the spring semester of the sophomore year.
5. **Complete internship experience** starting in January (spring semester of junior year)!

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Can students participating in SAI graduate in 4 years?**

Spring accounting interns may maintain full-time student status, thus continuing eligibility for insurance coverage, scholarships and campus housing. Interns remain on track to graduate in four years by completing coursework during the spring (after the internship concludes) and summer between Junior and Senior year, if needed.

### **Where do students live during their internship experience?**

Students may live on campus if it aligns with their needs, but are also able to live at home or near their internship. Mini-mester courses are facilitated in a distance-learning format, allowing students to complete them from any location.

### **How much do students pay in tuition while participating in SAI?**

Spring accounting interns pay the same tuition rate they would if they were taking a traditional semester of coursework. Room & board fees are only charged if students opt to live on campus.

### **Are students paid for their Spring Accounting Internships?**

Yes! Students receive pay directly from the firms where they complete their internship. For 2023, our Spring accounting interns were paid an average rate of \$32.66.