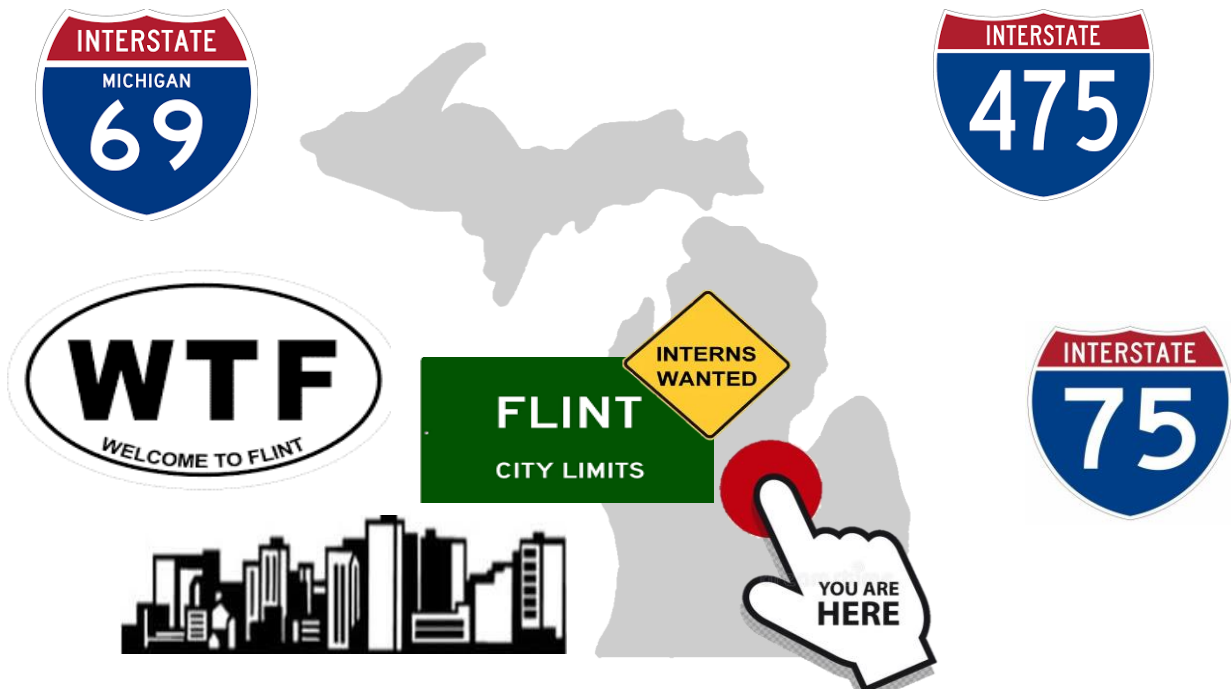


College of Social Science

Flint Study Away Internship Program Guide

Summer Semester 2023



The Flint Study Away Internship Summer Program is a credit-bearing summer internship program where MSU undergraduate students live, work and study within the City of Flint (Michigan) for 8-10 weeks (beginning of June - beginning of August). Program participants benefit from firsthand learning in fields of interest while contributing to the mission of a community organization and revitalization of the Flint area.

Program Participant Eligibility



The Flint Study Away Internship Summer Program is open to MSU undergraduate students of first-year, sophomore, junior, and senior status.



MSU International students welcome.



All majors accepted (College of Social Science and non-College of Social Science students).



GPA of 2.0 or above and in good academic standing.



Academic Credit



Three credit minimum



SSC 490 and/or SSC 493

SSC 493 (variable credits; three-twelve credits). Credits based on internship hours.

College of Social Science Requirement



Participation in the Flint Study Away Internship Summer Program *fulfills the College of Social Science experiential learning requirement.*

Fees and Scholarships



There is no program fee for participation in the Flint Study Away Internship Summer Program.



Students are responsible for all tuition and tuition-related fees for the academic credits.

Lodging and Commuting



Lodging for participants in the Flint Study Away Internship Summer Program is provided at no cost to student. Lodging is at U of M Flint Riverfront Center Residence Hall (<https://www.umflint.edu/housing>) for duration of internship. Free, onsite parking.



Commuter friendly program for those who wish to reside elsewhere and commute to and from Flint. It is a 50–60-minute drive from East Lansing and Detroit (*origin and internship location dependent*).



Meals



Flint Study Away Internship Summer Program participants are responsible for securing their own meals. For participants lodging at the U of M Flint Riverfront Center Residence Hall – a fully furnished kitchen (refrigerator, microwave, oven, sink) is featured in each room/suite.

Membership in “Flinterns” Program



All Flint Study Away Internship Summer Program participants are eligible to participate in the “Flinterns” program sponsored by the Flint and Genesee Economic Alliance. The program is designed for Flint interns to access professional development and networking opportunities, along with social engagement and interaction.

<https://www.flintandgenesee.org/leadership-organizational-development/training-development/58707-2/>

“Make Your Move in Flint & Genesee”



“The new talent attraction program from the Flint & Genesee Group aims to market the region to prospective residents and help connect them with local employers and opportunities.

Here is how it works: External candidates answer a few questions at makeyourmovenow.org and upload their resume. From there, the Flint & Genesee Group will distribute their information to local employers that align with their career path.

Candidates who opt into the program will receive curated information relevant to their industry, life stage, and interests on a regular basis via email. They can also request to be connected to a Genesee County local who can answer questions about what it is like to live and work in the area—a key element of the new program.”

For additional information: <https://talent.flintandgenesee.org/>

Places of Interest in Area



Flint Institute of Arts; Flint City Bucks (Semi-Professional Soccer) at Atwood Stadium; Flint Farmers Market; Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad; Applewood Estate; Longway Planetarium; Sloan Museum of Discovery; ForMar Nature Preserve; Flint Children’s Museum; The Whiting; Stepping Stone Falls; Whaley house Museum; Bluebell Beach and Flint River Bike Path; CRIM Fitness Foundation/Festival of Races. Other area attractions can be found here:

<https://www.exploreflintandgenesee.org/things-to-do/>

Coursework



All Flint Study Away Internship Summer Program participants are required to engage in periodic reading and writing exercises throughout the course of the program to contextualize their individual internship experience within a framework of personal and professional development, community engagement, social justice, etc.



Types of Internships



Flint Study Away Internship Summer Program participants are referred/matched with internship sites that reflect academic, professional, and personal fields of interest.

Location of Internship Site



Internships will be located within the City of Flint. Occasionally internships may be in the surrounding Genesee County area.

Internship Program Duration



The Flint Study Away Internship Summer Program is offered for 8-10 weeks (end of May/beginning of June → beginning of August)

Internship Program Hours



Flint Study Away Internship Summer Program participants will intern for approximately 30 + hours week.

Internship Program Transportation



Flint Study Away Internship Summer Program participants are responsible for arranging transportation to and from internship site.



Flint Study Away Summer 2023 Internship Program

Program Timeline and Sequence of Events



Step #1: Complete and Submit Program Application

Deadline: Wednesday, February 8th **Link to be emailed to student.**

**Completion and submission of program application does not commit student to program*



Step #2: Individual Exploration Meeting with Cathy White

Deadline: Week of February 13th, 2023



Step #3: Complete and Submit Program Commitment Form

Deadline: February 22nd, 2023

Link to be emailed to student.



Step #4: Enroll in SSC 490 and/or SSC 493 for Summer 2023

Target Date: As soon as committment form submitted.



Step #5: Confirm Housing Requirements **Deadline:** March 10th, 2023



Step #6: Secure Internship **Target Date:** Week of May 1st, 2023



Step #8: Change Your Status to Official "Flintern®"

Target Date: Week of May 1st, 2023