

Biology Graduate Internship Guidelines

Biology internships provide students “real world” experiences, allowing the application of theories learned in the classroom to employment settings. Internships may also provide learning opportunities not available in the Biology Department curriculum. Internships aid students in choosing career paths and developing career goals prior to graduation. These can be paid or non-paid experiences.

Participating students enroll in the course BIOL 6850 Biology Graduate Internship for three credit hours. The general rule is that three credit hours is worth at least nine hours/week of effort by the student.

To enroll in BIOL 6850, the student must submit a **well-written** proposal, describing the internship, to the Biology Graduate Committee (Insert Application form link). For committee approval the internship must clearly provide rigorous learning opportunities that cannot be obtained in one of the listed biology courses. Credit cannot be awarded for merely shadowing a professional; the student must clearly demonstrate the internship experience extends beyond observation. Each student enrolled in Biology Graduate Internship must identify a Biology Department faculty member who agrees to function as Internship Advisor. The Internship Advisor is responsible for establishing, with the student, the assessment of the internship and is generally the facilitator of the experience with the student and assigns a grade. Every student enrolled in BIOL 6850 may be required to present their internship experience.

Application Process

- Email the completed *Internship Application* (insert link to application file) to Dr. J. Mitchell Lockhart (insert link to jmlockha@valdosta.edu).
- Samples of internship proposals (insert links to documents)
 - Sample General internship proposal
 - Sample Environmental Science internship proposal
 - Sample Dental internship proposal
 - Sample Medical internship proposal

Additional Requirements

- Must be enrolled in Internship in Biology during the semester of the experience
- Must have a mentor/internship advisor within the Biology Department
- Completion of application form (with signed approval of faculty advisor/mentor)

Credit hours requested

Objectives/purpose

Full description of internship: design, type, daily tasks, how objectives will be accomplished

Educational benefits: what is unique about the experience that cannot be received in the classroom and how will this help you achieve career goals

Assessment (established by internship advisor) 36 102c(A)(2)-(c)-(d) 10 Tc 6.8 10 10

