

Record Breaking 1,000 Metcalf Interns Placed in 2013-2014 Academic Year

Since 1997 the Jeff Metcalf Internship Program has provided over 4,100 UChicago students with the opportunity to participate in paid, substantive internships during the summer and the academic year. The program has increased in yearly participants since beginning with 8 Metcalf interns in 1997 to placing a milestone 1,000 Metcalf interns in the 2013-2014 academic year. Established in honor of Harold “Jeff” Metcalf (AM ’53) who was Dean of Students at the Graduate School of Business (now Chicago Booth) from 1956-1975 and Director of Athletics from 1976-1981, the Jeff Metcalf Internship program pays tribute to Jeff’s dedication to helping students during their time at the University and beyond.

Jeff Metcalf Internships span a wide range of fields and positions, from finance internships with JP Morgan, to traveling the globe with the U.S. State Department, to working behind the scenes at Chicago’s world famous Field Museum; Metcalf Internships offer UChicago students the opportunity to explore their unique interests in a hands-on professional work environment. Learn more about past Metcalf Interns experiences’ on the [Career Advancement website](#).

For graduating fourth year Alice Kei Kuwahara, the Jeff Metcalf Internship program offered the opportunity to deepen her understanding of performing arts at the Actors Gymnasium, a non-profit dedicated to furthering the use of circus arts in theater, while learning firsthand about the world of arts administration. Alice noted that she “had a curiosity about the Actors Gymnasium after looking into their programs for adults.” During her summer internship, she learned, “about something you normally wouldn’t learn about,” working the box office, managing the house for shows, and enjoying working in arts administration. Alice isn’t the first Metcalf Intern to work at Actors Gymnasium; they’ve been one of UChicago’s Metcalf employers since 2010. Lauran LeFevre, Education and Administrative Coordinator, for the Actors Gymnasium, noted that Metcalf Interns have always been “willing to jump in, quick to pick up things, and excited to learn something new.” For Actors Gymnasium, the connection with their interns also spans beyond the summer months, with interns staying around to help with projects throughout the year. For Alice, her work with the Actors Gymnasium turned into an offer for full time employment after graduation.

James Ebert (AB ’14) knew early on what his careers goals were, “My dream has been to work on Wall Street.” Knowing his ambition, James applied to serve as a Summer Analyst in New York with J.P. Morgan. During his summer, James had a variety of projects, including “writing private company overviews or building illustrative and prospective IPO valuations.” He had “similar responsibilities to my deal teams as that of the full-time analyst that I had to work with.” He also experienced the real life schedule of an analyst on Wall Street with long hours, but James confesses, “I can safely say that the most rewarding part of the internship was knowing that all of the late nights were put to good use and that the work that I created directly went to the executives of multi-billion dollar companies to consider.” For James, his summer on Wall Street was everything he wanted, and he’ll be returning to New York and J.P. Morgan after graduation as a full-time analyst.

The Metcalf Internship Program is made possible by Dean John W. Boyer (AM ’69, PhD’75), UChicago Campus partners, and alumni supporters and volunteers. Visit the Career Advancement Website to [get involved](#).