

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**  
**Internship Director: Joel Meléndez-Lugo, PhD**

**Internship eligibility**

The Department of Economics allows its majors to earn three (3) credit hours under the course name ECON 4390 ECONOMICS INTERNSHIP. In order to be approved for this course, the student must complete the following:

1. Student must have completed at least 60 hours of college credit and at least 12 hours at the University of Houston. Student must be in good academic standing with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above and a major GPA of 2.5 or above.
2. Student must have completed both:
  - ECON3332 (INTERMEDIATE MICROECONOMICS)
  - ECON3334 (INTERMEDIATE MACROECONOMICS)Concurrent enrollment is allowed but must be approved in advance by the faculty sponsor for the Department of Economics.
3. Student may meet with the faculty sponsor (Dr. Joel Meléndez-Lugo) regarding further internship opportunities. You may set up an appointment with Dr. Meléndez-Lugo at [jmelende@central.uh.edu](mailto:jmelende@central.uh.edu). Be sure to attach a copy of your resume to the appointment request email.
4. Once an internship has been obtained, Dr. Meléndez-Lugo must approve it for credit. In order to obtain approval, you must fill out the internship application. A one-page statement of career goals and interests must be submitted with the application.
5. Please return the paperwork to your academic advisor, Ms. Marion Foley, room 208B.

*Please note that a position is NOT guaranteed. The UH Career Counselor and Dr. Meléndez-Lugo will help the student locate resources that will assist the student in searching for internship opportunities. The student must apply and interview for the desired position. If hired, this program enables the student to obtain course credit towards their degree.*

You will be notified via email regarding approval of your internship. If approved, the next step is to **fill out a general petition requesting to be added to ECON 4390**. You must attach the approved internship application form.