

Practice Center Projects

What is a Practice Center Project?

Practice Center Projects (PCP) are corporate projects of a predefined scope that recruit two students to work collaboratively on one project aided by a corporate sponsor and a BAIS professor. This is a paid engagement, and if selected, you will be paid for up to 20 hours/week by the corporate employer.

How is PCP different from CPT internship?

1. Internship is an individual project and an arrangement between you and the employer. PCP is a collaborative project, involving two students and one professor, and is an arrangement between the School of Information Systems and Management (SISM), that offers the BAIS degree, and the employer. The employer pays SISM and SISM pays you for your work.
2. In internships, you are working alone, but in a PCP, you are working with another student and you are helped by a professor.
3. Another difference between PCP and CPT internship is that you must complete one academic year of study to qualify for CPT internship, but you can get a PCP in your first year. Whether you are selected depends on what skill set the corporate employer is looking for and whether that fits with your skill set.

However, like internships, PCP also spans one semester (typically Fall or Spring, but not summer).

How can you sign up for PCP?

Unlike internships, where you have to get your own internship, PCP is arranged by SISM. Corporate employers approach SISM with their projects every semester. Anna sends out e-mails to students indicating these projects usually before the start of Fall and Spring semesters. You can send in your resumes to Anna, indicating which PCPs you are interested in. The corporate sponsor will review all resumes and shortlist candidates for interview. Following your interviews, candidates will be notified of their interview results. Make sure that you are on Anna's e-mail list to receive these PCP e-mails.