

Final Reports

In about 1000 words, summarize the two schools/internships/employers that you researched for this project, giving particular attention to the following items. You do not need to answer every question, nor do you need to follow this organization, but think about these issues and tailor your essay to your particular choices and situation. The tip sheets have additional advice about things to think about.

- Describe the organization briefly, and what it does (a sentence or two).
- Explain why you chose it (one to three sentences).
 - If you already have an idea of what you want to do after you leave school, how will this move you toward that career path?
 - If you are still undecided, how might it open up opportunities and possible career avenues that suit your interests and talents? (If you don't know what you want to do, maximize your options).
 - Why did you choose this particular school/organization, rather than others like it?
 - Note: you may find, after you do the research, that it actually wasn't a good fit for you. That's fine, just explain why.
- What do you need to do to get accepted/hired?
 - give a brief overview (you don't have space for details) of the entrance requirements, prerequisites, things they are looking for, etc. Focus on the salient items.
 - Do you have a reasonable chance of meeting those requirements? Think about what you need to do between now and graduation to increase your chances, and mention it if it is relevant.
- What is it like to study/work there?
 - If a job or internship, what will you be doing?
 - It might be hard to get information about this, but does the cultural climate suit you? Is it highly structured or flexible? formal or informal? hierarchical or egalitarian? Do they value autonomy?
 - What are the living and working conditions like? If it is a job or internship in a developing country, will you be roughing it, and are you comfortable with that?
 - What kind of mentoring will you get? What other resources are available?
 - What kind of financial support/salary is available?