COMP3410 / COMP3412 INTERNSHIP

2023-24 Briefing

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Course's websites

- Office Internship Website:
- https://www.cs.hku.hk/comp3410/index

- Moodle Course site
 - Only be available in the summer semester
 - For collecting the training reports



BEng(CS) Requirement

- Must PASS COMP3410 (for 2018 intake or after) | COMP3412 (for 2017 intake or before) before graduation
 - Only PASS or FAIL grade
- Usually be taken directly ahead of your final year of studies
 - To gain maximum benefit from the placement, you must already possess a strong foundation of CS knowledge
 - BEng(CS) & GEBP After successful completion of Year three (penultimate year)
 - BBA(IS)/BEng(CS) After successful completion of BBA(IS)
- We do not recognize past internship experience

(COMP3410 / COMP3412) vs. COMP3413

- COMP3410 / COMP3412 Internship
 - This is a graduation requirement.
 - All BEng(CompSc) students must take the course.
 - Get exemption automatically if joining URFP+COMP3413

URFP

- University Research Fellowship Programme
- Application only by invitation
 - By the end of the 1st semester of Year 3, your CGPA must be above 3.5
- COMP3413 Research Internship
 - An elective course associated with URFP; not open for general enrollment.

COMP3410 / COMP3412 Internship

- The course consists of two components:
 - Internship placement requires students to spend a minimum of four weeks employed, full-time, as IT interns or trainees.
 - Professionalism exposes students to social and professional issues in computing.

INTERNSHIP PLACEMENT

Placement - Two Training Modes

- To satisfy the Internship component, either
 - Take a summer internship in a full-time IT position
 - > 90% of students took this option
 - Minimum requirement 4 weeks of industrial placement in a full-time IT position
 - Usually between 8 weeks to 13 weeks, norm 10 weeks
 - Between June to August
 - Take a 6-month to full-year sandwich internship Integrated Study-Work Programme (ISWP)

Integrated Study-Work Programme

Spend 6-14 months in the industry in a full-time IT position

Suspension of studies

- Granted leave of absence by Faculty
 - No need to explicitly apply for it.
 - Once you have obtained my approval, we shall inform the Faculty in July; the Faculty will issue a letter to you
 for confirmation that you are going to take up the ISWP
- Not allowed to register any HKU courses/projects during this period
- Require to pay a Registration Fee (3% of the composition fee)
 - Allow access to the University's library, health, counselling and physical education facilities during the studywork year

Finding an Internship

- It is your responsibility to seek and secure an internship
- Procedure
 - Looking for internship opportunities
 - Some jobs (but not a lot) are advertised through us
 - You can look for opportunities via other websites
 - Submit your applications
 - Have your cover letter & CV (& transcript) be ready ASAP
 - Companies may invite you to interviews
 - Inform us your summer or 6/12-month internship once you have secured a placement
 - The jobs must be approved by the Internship Coordinator to ensure they meet the standards

Secure an Internship

- When is the latest time I should secure an Internship?
 - For 1-year Internship, before mid of August 2024
 - For summer internship, before July 20, 2024
 - You still have at least 5 weeks for the internship before the start of the 1st semester of 2024.
 - However, one complicated matter is you have to enroll the Internship course COMP3410/COMP3412 by mid June 2023.
 - If you have enrolled the course but cannot secure a summer internship by the end of July, you cannot complete the course.
 - You MUST report to us to obtain our approval of skipping the course and you will get an 'NV' grade; otherwise, you would receive a Fail.

Placements - Requirements

- Location local or overseas
- Job must be in the field of
 - Preferably involving software development or with significant technical substances
 - Coding, testing, database design and maintenance, data analytics, infrastructure admin and networking
 - Can work as research assistants under the supervision of a university's faculty member. However, you need to obtain our approval first.
- Must be a full-time job at the company's work place (or according to the company's policy)
- Preferably working under the supervision of an experienced IT professional
 - For some cases, you may work in a non-IT department without an IT supervisor

Placements

- For example, the following do not satisfy the criteria:
 - Computer sale
 - Data entry
 - Web page graphic designer
 - Helpdesk support
 - General office duties
 - Part-time work
 - Freelance work

• If you are not sure about a particular internship, please consult the Internship Coordinator for advice.

Last Year Placement Companies

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	Huawei Tech. Investment Co. Limited	PharmCare Technology Limited
RESIO Limited	InnoSpire Technology Limited	Pokeguide Limited
POM Medical Care Limited	IX Capital International Limited	Portalvision Limited
lipse Options (HK) Limited	J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.	Premialab Hong Kong Limited
oenergy Tech Limited	JD.com, Inc.	PwC
ite Paradise	K COMPACT COMPANY LIMITED	Rabbit Credit Limited
nst & Young	KM.ON Asia Ltd.	Société Générale
ponTech	KYWH Limited	Speakmanity Limited
nsWave Limited	LiDARist Co. Ltd.	Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited
ortune Information Technology Ltd.	Limepage Limited	Sun Hung Kai Real Estate Agency Limited
oundation Biotech Limited	Liquidnet Asia Limited	Supervisual
VD Group	Livi Bank Limited	Tab Next
oldman Sachs Services (Asia) Limited	Low Carbon Contracts Company Limited	Tailcase Solutions Limited
uangzhou Tec-Do Co., Ltd.	Macquarie Group	TailorM Holdings Limited
ang Seng Bank Limited	Mad Head App Limited	techbob academy limited
KVISION	Manulife	The Hong Kong Jockey Club
KSAR-Drainage Services Department	Metamory Technology Limited	Varmeego
ong Kong Airlines	MSIG Insurance (Hong Kong) Limited	WeDerm Limited
ong Kong Baptist University	MTR Corporation Limited	Wells Fargo Bank
		Working Family and Student Financial
ong Kong Monetary Authority	NextGen Solutions Limited	Assistance Agency
ong Kong Observatory	On-us Company Limited	深圳之光人才科技有限公司
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Finding an Internship – Sources

- Course's web site https://www.cs.hku.hk/comp3410/index
 - Job Portal
 - Jobs that submitted to the department by the company/agent directly or via CFDARS
 - Jobs posted at CEDARS' career website
 - Some government jobs (but not much) may require nominations
 - Course Coordinator screens all applications and nominates candidates (to fill up the quota)
- Start having summer Job advertisement from January
- Recruitment activity reaches the peak during the months of April and May
 - Government posts usually come in a bit late, but only available for HK residents

Finding an Internship – Other Sources

- Seek internship through other websites
 - CEDARS (Centre of Development and Resources for Students)
 - https://www.cedars.hku.hk/careers/jobs
 - JIJIS (Joint Institution Job Information System)
 - https://www.jijis.org.hk/
 - Science Park (Talent Pool Platform)
 - https://talent.hkstp.org/
 - Fintech Career Accelerator Scheme
 - https://www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/keyfunctions/international-financialcentre/fintech/talent-development/

- These jobs must be approved by the Internship Coordinator to ensure they meet the standards
 - If you find some internship posts and would like to consult me, send me the job ads. (with details, not the URL)
- Inform us once you have secured a job
 - Enter your placement details to your Placement record

Govt STEM Internship Scheme

- https://www.itf.gov.hk/en/funding-programmes/nurturing-talent/steminternship-scheme/
- Students: Both local²⁷ and non-local undergraduates and postgraduates majoring in full-time eligible STEM-related programmes offered by the participating universities, including their GBA campuses, are eligible. Non-local students²⁸ are allowed to enrol in internships in Hong Kong only, subject to the conditions of stay of their visa/entry permit issued by the Immigration Department. For the Scheme operated by R&D Centres and HKPC, undergraduates and postgraduates majoring in full-time eligible STEM programmes in local²⁹ or non-local³⁰ universities will be eligible. Student interns receiving the allowance under the Scheme cannot concurrently benefit from other internship subsidies provided by the Hong Kong SAR Government (the "HKSAR Government").
 - The internship funded by the Scheme should not be a compulsory requirement of the degree programme to which the student is admitted.
 - This restriction is set by the HK Govt; not our policy
 - Under the Scheme, allowance will be provided for undergraduates taking university full-time STEM programmes to enrol in short-term internships.
 - With duration of no less than four consecutive weeks (28 calendar days).

Govt STEM Internship Scheme

- All STEM internships are coordinated & approved by HKU CEDARS
 - https://www.cedars.hku.hk/careers/stem
 - https://www.cedars-cp.hku.hk/stem-internship

Application

Individual participating institutions are responsible for administering the Scheme and prescribing their respective application procedures and arrangements. Interested students are welcomed to approach the respective participating institutions.

It is at the discretion of individual universities to decide whether an internship place offered by a company/organisation is I&T-related and meaningful, taking into account the feedbacks of past student interns, and to set a ceiling on the number of student interns under the Scheme in each company/organisation to enrich student experiences. Interested employers are welcomed to approach the respective universities.

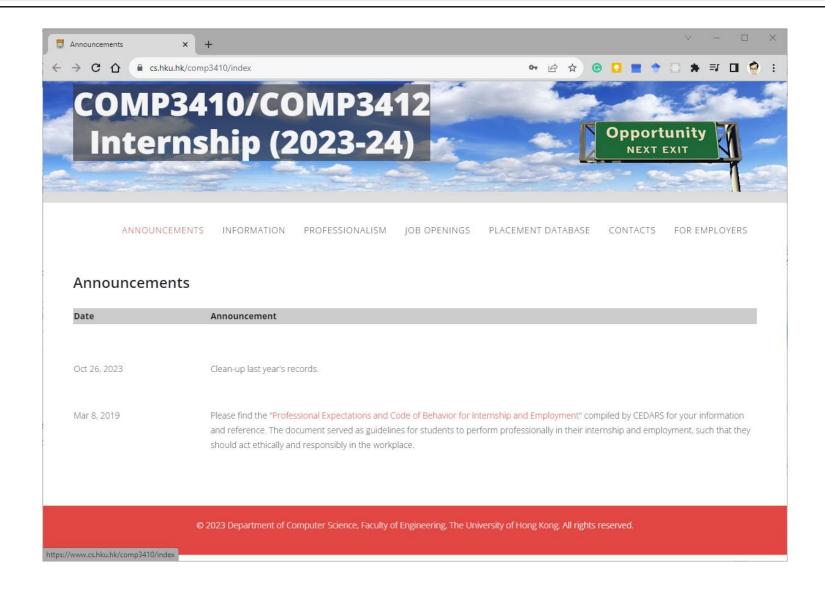
Govt STEM Internship Scheme

- 8. The student CANNOT concurrently benefit from other internship subsidies offered by the HKSAR Government.
- 9. The internship funded by the Scheme SHOULD NOT be a compulsory requirement of the degree programme to which the student is admitted. However, the excess internship period of that the graduation requirements could be funded by the Scheme, if the other requirements stipulated in the Guidelines are met

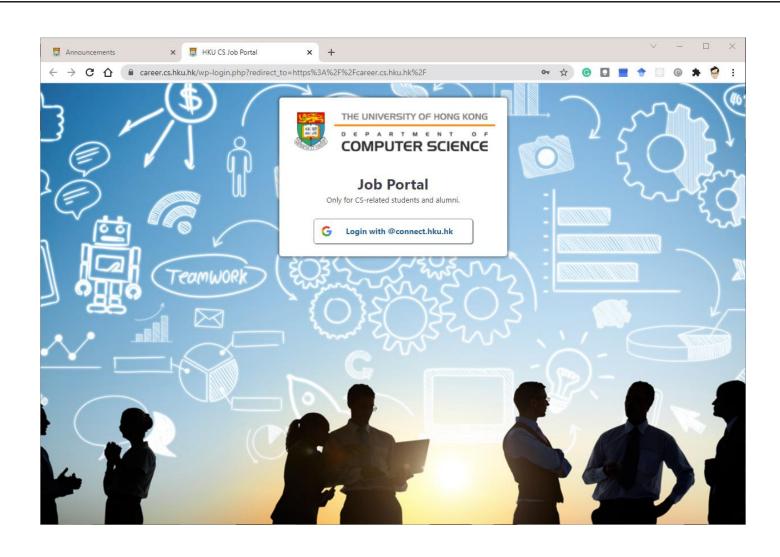
- When a company offers an internship to you under the STEM scheme, please discuss with the company that you want to use the first or last 4 weeks of the internship to fulfill the compulsory Internship requirement of your degree programme, and the remaining period can be covered by the ITC STEM scheme.
- It would be better if the company can issue two appointments to you one for the weeks to cover the course and the other for the remaining duration.

Course's Web Site

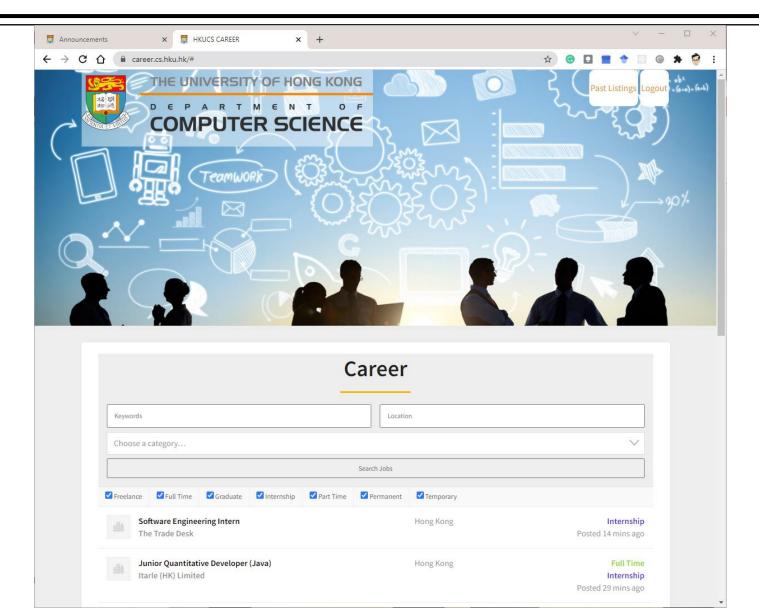
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Job Portal



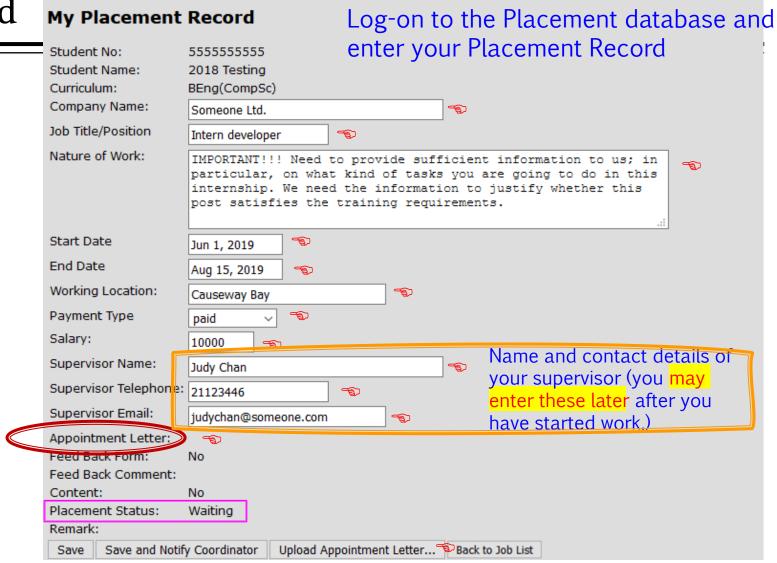
Job Portal



Your Placement Record

- Please access your placement record via the Placement Database (at course's website)
- Log on to the system using your CS account (NOT the HKU Portal account)
- You have to submit your placement info to the department as soon as you have secured a placement.
 - If we do not have a record of your placement, you cannot pass the course.
 - We have to screen the job nature of all placement positions to make sure that the posts satisfy the course's requirements.
- We will not accept and approve your placement if you submitted the placement record very late, e.g., has passed half of your internship.
 - You may have to redo another placement next summer!!!

Placement Record



Placement Record

- Placement Status of your placement record is either NA / Waiting / Incomplete / Approved
 - NA You haven't entered your placement record yet
 - Waiting You have entered your placement record, but it hasn't been screened by us yet
 - Incomplete We have screened your placement record and find that you did not input sufficient information
 - Examples: lack of details on the nature of work (Job Description), missing appointment letter, etc
 - Approved this post is approved by us
- Remark
 - My comment on your placement record; in particular, indicate what is/are missing.

Feedback Form

· If we have received the supervisor's feedback form, we shall update this field

Feedback Comment

 Just to provide a summary on the comment and feedback provided by the supervisor

Consent

· This indicates whether you have submitted the signed "Consent Form" by your supervisor to the department

Being a Professional

When accepting an internship, you will be asked to sign an agreement

We expect you to honor that agreement

Breaking an agreement without the department's prior approval will be treated as a serious breach of professional conduct

Assessment – Internship component

- Write a training report of ~1000 words
 - Outline the work you performed
 - Provide a description and evaluation of the IT and /or software practices used by the organization
 - Submission deadline: August 22, 2024 (for students taking 2024 Summer Internship or 2023/24 ISWP)
- Assessment is based on the training report and supervisor's feedback

Assessment – Internship component

- Supervisor's feedback report to us on your professionalism and on the quality of your work
 - "Consent Form"
 - We have drafted a letter to explain the requirement of providing feedback for you
 - Students are required to inform this requirement to your supervisor or employer.
 - Students complete the form and obtain their supervisor's signature, then students **return the signed letter** to us **by email** (mailto: internships@cs.hku.hk) within the first two weeks of your placement
 - Supervisor's feedback form
 - Available on the CS Department Home page under
 - https://www.cs.hku.hk/about-student/hiring/interns#Feedback
 - On the last week of your internship, present the Feedback Form to your supervisor. Invite them to return the completed form (by email or by fax or via you) within two weeks after the internship.
 - (Note: If you collect the feedback form, please email the form to internships@cs.hku.hk.)



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All Student Interns are required to return the completed consent form to the Department's Internship Coordinator, Dr Anthony Tam within the first two weeks of their internships.

Consent Form for Employer Hiring HKU BEng(CompSc) Students as Interns

I have been given information regarding the recruitment of interns from the Department of Computer Science, The University of Hong Kong (HKU) through the Department's webpage at http://www.cs.hku.hk/people/hiring/interns.jsp.

I understand that the internship taken up by the indicated student is for satisfying the internship requirement of his/her academic programme that he/she is currently studying at HKU.

By signing below, I am indicating my consent to complete and return the Employer's Feedback Report within 2 weeks after the indicated student has completed his/her internship at our company.

Name of Student Intern:		
Name of Company:		
Name of Division / Department:		
Name of Supervisor:		
Capacity / Title / Position:		
Contact Number:	Email Address:	
Signature:	Date:	

https://www.cs.hku.hk/comp3410/info#Feedback

http://www.cs.hku.hk/people/hiring/FeedbackReport.pdf



Internship Questionnaire - Employer Feedback

Thank you for supporting our programme by offering internship. It represents an important part of our students' professional training. This questionnaire is for obtaining feedback from employer on the student's performance during internship. The feedback collected will contribute to the assessment of the student concerned. All personal information will be kept strictly confidential.

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	Student name	::		Period of internship:		to	·			
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(Attn: Internship Programme)

• Mail a soft version to: internships@cs.hku.hk

Past Feedback

- Our students performed very well in the past years
 - Overall performance
 - **2019-20 4.58**
 - **2020-21** 4.6
 - **2021-22** 4.6
 - **2**022-23 4.65

Keep up with the good performance and quality

PROFESSIONALISM

Professionalism

- Students need to understand their professional roles when working as computer professionals as well as the responsibility that they will bear.
- They also need to develop the ability to ask serious questions about the social impact of computing and to evaluate proposed answers to those questions.

Objective

 Enable students to develop an understanding of the social and professional context in the discipline of computing.

Professionalism - Arrangement

- Three seminars will be arranged in 2024
 - Tentative Schedule
 - Jan 31, 2024 (Wednesday) 11:00am to 12:15pm
 - Depends on the availability of the ICAC officer
 - March 5, 2024(Tuesday)
 - March 8, 2024 (Friday)
- Assessment
 - No exam nor quiz nor assignment

Information

- https://www.cs.hku.hk/comp3410/index
- Information for Students
 - About Summer Internship
 - https://www.cs.hku.hk/comp3410/info
 - About ISWP
 - https://i.cs.hku.hk/~atctam/Course/comp3410/ISWP-new.html
- Information for Employers
 - https://www.cs.hku.hk/about-student/hiring/info