

Summer Alternatives to Internships

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“What did you do
with your summer
during the COVID-
19 crisis?”

Best Practices

- Online Learning
- Short-term projects/gig work
- Build Your Network
- Volunteer
- Attend virtual conferences
- Identify companies in need and offer your help
- Pursue a personal project

Online Learning

- LinkedIn Learning (recommended)
- Coursera
- Skillshare
- Udemy
- EdX
- Masterclass

Short-term Projects/Gig Work

- Parker Dewey
- Upwork
- Crossover
- Pangea

Build Your Network

- Reach out | Connect | Learn
- The purpose is not to ask for a job, it's to LEARN

Sample outreach message: “Hello, my name is Liam. I’m a current Bryant University sophomore studying marketing. I noticed you’re a Bryant alum. Go bulldogs! I’m really impressed with your career trajectory since graduating, and I’d love to learn more about how you grew in the field of marketing. Are you available to connect over zoom sometime next week?”

Volunteer

- Idealist.org
- Onlinevolunteering.org

Attend Online Conferences

- Every industry has conferences, usually over the summer
- Most are moving online
- **Tips:** Search based on industry, small can be good, and don't underestimate yourself

Take Initiative

Identify Companies

- Early stage companies need help (angel.co)
- Industries need help: healthcare, virtual communication

Pursue a Personal Project

- Pursue a project with a purpose:
 - Have a goal
 - Set deadlines
 - Have a measure of success