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**Grant to aid expansion of internship opportunities for USI students**

University of Southern Indiana's Office of Career Services and Placement has received a \$5,000 matching grant to increase and expand the opportunities for internships for USI students. The grant is made possible by Indiana INTERNnet.

The grant will help support several initiatives of the office including new brochures and information packets explaining the benefits of internships; special promotion of internships at two annual recruiting events, the Career Search Job and Graduate School Fair and Internship-Co-op Job Fair; employer open houses for companies and organizations who are considering starting an internship program; and a female and minority internship workshop to promote engineering and other nontraditional careers for women and minorities.

Jennifer Kellams, director of Career Services and Placement, said the grant is helpful in reaching an important goal of the office to expand internship opportunities for USI students.

Indiana INTERNnet is a collaborative effort between the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, the University of Indianapolis, and other higher education institutions to expand and increase the quality and quantity of internships and experiential learning programs in the state of Indiana.

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