# Technical and Transferable Opportunities List

Use this table as a quick start guide to remind you of all technical and transferable opportunities available at The Ohio State University. See a brief description of each, as well as the contact information where you may go to get started with the experience!

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| Internships | A real-world work experience where students take on temporary roles as workers in an organization and reflect these experiences in an academic setting. They usually last one term during the summer, but not necessarily. Sometimes employers pay students during their experience. | Career Services Office [http://careers.osu.edu/](http://careers.osu.edu/)  
Buckeye Careers [http://careers.osu.edu/faculty-staff/university-career-services-committee/](http://careers.osu.edu/faculty-staff/university-career-services-committee/) |
| Co-Ops | Cooperative education or co-ops, as opposed to internships, provide you with opportunities to combine multiple periods of related employment with different terms of coursework. Schedules vary depending on when you need to be in school and when the employer needs you to work. Typically, you will need certain amount of credit hours in order to begin a co-op experience. Additionally, you may need to have declared a major and maintain good academic standing. | Career Services Office [http://careers.osu.edu/](http://careers.osu.edu/) |
| Research Opportunities | The Council on Undergraduate Research defines research as: “…an inquiry or investigation conducted by an undergraduate student to make an original, intellectual, or creative contribution to a discipline.” Undergraduate research requires an educational collaboration between students and faculty members. Research | Undergraduate Research Office [http://undergraduateresearch.osu.edu/index.htm](http://undergraduateresearch.osu.edu/index.htm)  
Start searching for research opportunities within your individual college or department. |
Experiences vary, but they may be initiated in one of two ways:

- Students seek out faculty supervision for their projects, or
- Faculty members involve undergraduate students in their research teams

### Externships

Externships provide short practical experiences in the field of interest. They last approximately two days for a few weeks, and do not offer pay or academic credit. Use your personal networks to identify potential contacts who are working in fields that you've decided are interesting to you. Also consider researching LinkedIn, Corporate websites, professional association websites, and career fairs.

### Opportunities That Help Build Transferable Skills

#### Co-Curricular Activities

Co-curricular activities are those experiences **outside** of the classroom that you can engage in that are also directly related to your career development. Some examples include: civic engagement, participation in sport teams, choirs, clubs, sororities and fraternities, and student organizations, among others.

**Center for Student Leadership and Service**

http://ohiounion.osu.edu/get_involved/csls

Visit the **Ohio Union** website and click on the Student Organizations directory:

http://ohiounion.osu.edu/get_involved/student_organizations/directory

#### International Experiences

International experiences constitute any experience where you are making a difference in an international setting. International experiences are a great opportunity to create global awareness, enhance academic learning, develop leadership skills, and to learn another language as well as cross-cultural skills. Currently, OSU is in the process of developing a new program for students called **The Global Option**. This initiative

**Office of International Affairs**

http://oia.osu.edu/

In addition, check with your own department for international opportunities that may not posted through the Office of International Affairs.
| ROTC | The Ohio State University Army ROTC (Reserve Officers’ Training Corps) is an elective curriculum that you take along with your required college classes. After you complete an Officer branch training program and a first assignment, as an Army Officer you may pursue additional specialized training and post-graduate education opportunities. | Ohio State Army ROTC: [http://arotc.osu.edu/](http://arotc.osu.edu/) |
| Leadership Opportunities | The Ohio State University is filled with leadership opportunities and initiatives for as far as the eye can see! The hub of leadership, the point of connection for the full spectrum of leadership engagement and interaction is the **Keith B. Key Center for Student Leadership and Service**, located in the Ohio Union. Some examples include: Civic engagement, mentorship programs, student organizations, service projects, leadership retreats, academic courses, to name a few. You may also want to be involved:  
- Leadership Collaborative – First Year Experience  
- Leadership Studies Minor | Student Leadership and Service [http://ohiounion.osu.edu/get_involved/](http://ohiounion.osu.edu/get_involved/)  
Leadership Collaborative – First Year Experience [http://fye.osu.edu/LC.html](http://fye.osu.edu/LC.html)  
Leadership Studies Minor [http://leadershipcenter.osu.edu/hot-topics/leadership-studies-minor](http://leadershipcenter.osu.edu/hot-topics/leadership-studies-minor) |
| Athletic Experiences | Athletics at either the scholarship or recreational level. Athletics are an important part of many students’ lives – for general fitness, competition, university scholarships (as a student-athlete), and, perhaps for pure enjoyment and relaxation! | Student Athlete Support Services Office (SASSO) [http://www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com/sports/sasso/osu-sasso-body.html](http://www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com/sports/sasso/osu-sasso-body.html)  
Recreational & Physical Activity Center (RPAC) [http://recsports.osu.edu/facilities/recreation-physical-activity-center-rpac](http://recsports.osu.edu/facilities/recreation-physical-activity-center-rpac) |
## Service Learning Opportunities

Service-learning initiative activities combine community service through academic instruction with an emphasis on critical, reflective thinking, and civic responsibility. Service-learning combines the best of active learning and citizenship by connecting course content with service projects that help the community.

**Service-Learning Initiative**
[http://service-learning.osu.edu/](http://service-learning.osu.edu/)

Also check with your individual department/college for community-based courses and programs, local and international field experiences as courses, research seminars, individual studies, and more.

## Part-Time Jobs/Student Employment

Working while you are in school is a great way to help keep loan debt down and to gain useful real-world work experience. Student employment may be directly related to your coursework or career direction, or, it may simply a part-time job that helps out with financial obligations, and is not directly related to your future career path.

**Office of Student Financial Aid**
[http://sfa.osu.edu/jobs/index.asp](http://sfa.osu.edu/jobs/index.asp)

**Office of Student Life**
[http://studentlife.osu.edu/jobs/](http://studentlife.osu.edu/jobs/)