Manhattan School of Music THE CENTER FOR CAREER READINESS & COMMUNITY IMPACT

INTERNSHIP DEFINITION¹

- 1. The experience must be an extension of the classroom: a learning experience that provides for applying the knowledge gained in the classroom. It must not be simply to advance the operations of the employer or be the work that a regular employee would routinely perform.
- 2. The skills or knowledge learned must be transferable to other employment settings.
- 3. The experience has a defined beginning and end, and a job description with desired qualifications.
- 4. There are clearly defined learning objectives/goals related to the professional goals of the student's academic coursework.
- 5. There is supervision by a professional with expertise and educational and/or professional background in the field of the experience.
- 6. There is routine feedback by the experienced supervisor.
- 7. There are resources, equipment, and facilities provided by the host employer that support learning objectives/goals.

MSM INTERNSHIP GUIDELINES

- Internships are offered during the **fall and/or spring semesters**. We do not facilitate summer internships at the current time.
- Internship students are required to work 10 hours per week for the academic semester (14 weeks).
- Internships are offered to juniors, seniors, and graduate students.
- Internships are offered for **3 academic credits** and are unpaid.
- Students will submit:
 - ✓ An online weekly journal that includes work completed, contacts made, observations about the organization, and copies of written materials produced.
 - ✓ A weekly log of their hours worked.

- ✓ Monthly updates about the progress of their internship and work completed.
- ✓ A final paper (3 pages/750 words), summarizing their internship experience, at the end of the internship.
- Internship supervisor(s):
 - ✓ Agree to submit a mid-semester assessment form at the completion of week 7, detailing the intern's punctuality, adaptability, and performance.
 - ✓ Agree to submit a completed evaluation form of the intern's performance at the end of the semester.

If you are interested in offering an internship within your organization, please email **Rebecca Charnow** (Associate Dean for Career Readiness & Community Impact) at <u>rcharnow@msmnyc.edu</u> or **Chris Vaughn** (Associate Director of Career Readiness & Community Impact) at <u>cvaughn@msmnyc.edu</u> with a description of your internship opportunity.