

SWOSU Student Selected for Hudson Technology Internship

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A selected SWOSU student intern with an adequate background in computer science will provide technical support under the supervision of Hudson's management in wireless network design, troubleshooting, and implementation at the Weatherford facility.

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Baugher said internship programs encourage undergraduate students to prepare for careers in scientific and technical fields as well as ancillary areas that support Oklahoma high-tech companies. A student intern in the program will work on tasks identified by Hudson Technology. The student will receive hands-on experience through this internship arrangement and will be compensated for the work. The intern will have the opportunity to work on a real project in industry, learn new industrial processes and technology, and improve his or her analytical skills and knowledge in quality assurance.

An internship program, such as this one with Hudson Technology, is an important step in pursuing opportunities for students to "learn and earn" while the interns are at SWOSU, according to Baugher. Good performances by the interns will enhance their employability after graduation.

"Internship arrangements are an excellent strategy for giving students an opportunity to apply their learning to "real life" situations," Baugher said. "Such opportunities will encourage an intern student to pursue an advanced degree and/or career in science and technology."

SWOSU plans to pursue additional internship partnerships with other Oklahoma-based industry.