



SUMMER IN WILLISTON

Internship Program

Summer In Williston Internship Program started in 2013 years from the inspiration of Gonzaga Trustee Jim Powers and brother Tom Powers. The Powers' saw a need in Williston for talented employees with the unemployment rate being at a historic low. They also knew Gonzaga students were seeking quality internships and experiential learning opportunities to assist them in their career development. Employers in the area agreed to hire GU students for summer internships and summer housing was secured at Williston State College; underwritten by the Powers. With the assistance of the Gonzaga Career and Professional Development office, a successful partnership was created and Williston employers hired Gonzaga University students as interns. Each year, our employer partners each create a job description and determine all details relating to the intern they would like to hire with Gonzaga facilitating the application process.

The Following Employers have Participated in the Summer in Williston Program:

- Links of North Dakota
- City of Williston Engineering
- Geo Tech Engineers
- Strata, Inc.
- Williston Holding Company
- WSC Foundation
- Mercy Medial Center
- Williams County
- Williston State College
- Morris & Ritchie Associates
- Williston Parks and Rec
- Furuseth Law Firm
- Train ND
- Williston Economic Development Council
- US Army Corps of Engineers

59 Gonzaga University students have participated in the Summer in Williston Internship Program over the last 4 summers, with 8 staying on in full time capacities pursuing their careers in Williston.

"The Gonzaga interns provided the kind of talent that we need – highly skilled, talented, autonomous students who can come in and fill a critical need."

--Williston State College President Ray Nadolny

"We students took a chance on Williston and in return, everyone in Williston believed in us and gave us a chance to do something a little bigger than we could have done anywhere else"

--Gonzaga Student Lauren Campbell