## SB Santa Barbara City College Schall Career Center How to Find an Internship



- 1. Define purpose goals of doing an internship
  - a. Experience
  - b. Entry into industry and industry contacts
  - c. First step in company ladder
  - d. Paid or unpaid
- II. Time frame, length, location
  - a. Now, next summer, next year
  - b. Two weeks, two months, more?
  - c. Here local or somewhere else? International?
- III. Start researching
  - a. The internet is your friend
  - b. Make a list of your top 5-10 companies or organizations you would like to work with and DO YOUR RESEARCH!
  - c. Get to know someone at the organization through phone calls or an informational interview.
- IV. Develop a one-page "pitch" that you send with your resume.
  - a. Include:
    - Which department or with whom you would prefer to work.
    - The skills you would like to gain.
    - The time frame and time commitment of the internship.
    - What you bring to the party.
    - Your openness for alternate plans of work from them
- V. Make contact
  - a. Phone
  - b. In person
  - c. By email
- VI. Follow up!!!