



Rutgers MBS Externship Exchange **AND** **New Jersey Big Data Alliance (NJBDA)** **Joint Externship Exchange Program** **Accepting Applications Now for Fall 2021**

What is an Externship?

Externships are **opportunities** for students to gain **real-world experience** in their field. Externships in this program are provided by the **Rutgers MBS Externship Exchange Program** <https://mbs.rutgers.edu/externships> in partnership with the **New Jersey Big Data Alliance (NJBDA)** via a grant from the **US Economic Development Administration (US-EDA)**. Upon successful completion, **students are eligible for a \$2,000 fellowship**.

How is an Externship different from an Internship?

- Externships are semester-long experiential learning opportunities and are completed virtually.
 - The organization defines the scope of work to be performed by the student team.
 - Students are vetted and selected to participate in the program.
 - Students are engaged 8-10 hours per week remotely; 5 students will be assigned to each project.
 - Each project has a Rutgers MBS Faculty Advisor and Mentor from the organization assigned to the team.
 - Student's home institution advisor(s), and NJBDA faculty/staff are invited to attend a final presentation.
 - OPT/CPT Visa limitations DO NOT apply since this is a remote, off-campus project
- Note: The Fall 2021 organization partner will be located in New Brunswick, New Jersey

What are requirements to participate?

- Students must be attending an **NJBDA member college/university** (www.njbda.org)
- **Students must be in their junior or senior year of their undergraduate studies & have a GPA of 3.0 +**
- **Students must have a Data Science, Business Analytics, Computer Science or related major.** Classes in/experience with economic development and Spanish speaking/writing is a plus.
- **Students must submit application and required items via the [NJBDA website](#) by 11:59 PM Aug. 1, 2021** students will be asked about related courses, GPA, a personal statement indicating why they are interested in the Externship, relevant skills (Python, R, etc.); and their availability for weekly meetings.
- **Selected Students must be available beginning the week of Sept. 6** and have availability **Tuesday evenings from 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm** for weekly Externship Labs on professional development topics.

When will I be notified if I have been selected for the Externship?

- You will be notified if you are selected for an interview by mid-August; Interviews will take place the week of August 23; all candidates receiving interviews will be informed if they have been selected or not.

Interested? For more information contact Dr. Christie Nelson, Rutgers MBS Externship Exchange Director - cnelson@dimacs.rutgers.edu,