The Value of Internships

Internships are bridges between academic achievements and professional employment. They provide students with valuable experiences to explore and compare professions. While experience does not guarantee employment after graduation, students discover that their internship provides an edge with locating future employment opportunities and establishes a foundation for networking. Past internships include:

- Hawaii News Now (HI)
- National Weather Service Forecasting Offices; Honolulu (HI), Oxnard (CA)
- Organization for Tropical Studies (Costa Rica)
- U.S. Geological Survey Pacific Islands Water Science Center (HI)
- U.S. Geological Survey Hawaiian Volcano Observatory (HI)
- Jet Propulsion Laboratory, NASA (CA)
- Lunar and Planetary Institute, NASA (TX)
- U.S. Natural Park Services, Cleveland (OH)
- The American Natural History Museum (NY)
- Oceanic Institute (HI)
- Center for Microbial Oceanography: Research & Education (HI)
- Oceanic Analytical Laboratory (HI)
- State Department of Health (HI)

Many SOEST alumni can be found around the world working from the bottom of the oceans to monitoring volcanoes, managing water resources, tracking weather systems, and remotely on other planets through space missions to study planets, moons, asteroids, and other planetary bodies.

Other SOEST alumni are pursuing graduate degrees in a variety of fields and employed as postdoctoral researchers.

Many others have applied transferable skills from their geoscience degrees to become high school teachers, college professors, business managers, medical doctors, environmental lawyers, urban planners, engineers, and active supporters of the community.
A few recent placements of SOEST graduates...

Oceanographer, Sea Engineering, Inc. Honolulu, HI
Operations Manager/Geologist, ESN Pacific Honolulu, HI
Weather Specialty Team Chief, US Air Force <Various locations>
Digital Communications Manager, Idaho Fish & Game Boise, ID
Geologist, AECOM Honolulu, HI
Assistant Professor, Temple University Philadelphia, PA
Staff Geologist, Geolabs, Inc. Honolulu, HI
Environmental Engineer, AECOM Honolulu, HI
Chemistry and Forensic High School Teacher San Jose, CA
Assistant Professor, Cal State University Channel Islands Camarillo, CA
Assistant Vice President, University of Utah Salt Lake City, UT
Data Architect, Pattern Energy San Francisco, CA
Oceanographer, Pacific Tsunami Warning Center Honolulu, HI
Assistant Professor, Salisbury University Salisbury, MD
Software Engineer, Oracle San Diego, CA

Center Director, USGS Pacific Islands Water Science Center Honolulu, HI
Hydrologist, Commission on Water Resource Management Honolulu, HI
President, KC Environmental Inc. Honolulu, HI
 Mechanical Engineer, Navatek Ltd Honolulu, HI
Emeritus Professor, University of Colorado-Boulder Boulder, CO
Oceans Project Officer, Fisheries & Oceans Vancouver, BC
Assistant Professor, Coastal Carolina University Conway, SC
Meteorologist, The Weather Company via IBM Milwaukee, WI
Science Planner, Leidos Reston, VA
Geologist/Project Manager, Jacobs Engineering Honolulu, HI
President, Delta Data Services Long Beach, CA
Physics Teacher, Miami-Dade County Public Schools Miami, FL
Planning Director, County of Kaua’i Lihue, HI
Environmental Technician, Enviro Services & Training Center Honolulu, HI
Coastal Processes Specialist, SeaGrant, NOAA Honolulu, HI

Middle School Science Teacher, ‘Iolani School Honolulu, HI
Fishing Boat Monitor, NOAA Honolulu, HI
Environmental Health Specialist, State Dept of Health Honolulu, HI
Coastal Management Specialist, SeaGrant, NOAA Honolulu, HI
Chemistry High School Teacher, Punahou School Honolulu, HI
Robotics High School Teacher, St. Louis School Honolulu, HI
Geologist, Hart-Crower, Inc. Honolulu, HI
Environmental Monitor, Stantech Consulting Honolulu, HI
Geologist, Environmental Science International Kailua, HI
Attorney, State Dept of the Attorney General Honolulu, HI
Consultant, Lehua Environmental Kamuela, HI
Senior Planner, Hawai’i County Kea‘au, HI
Insular Fisheries Research Specialist, NOAA Honolulu, HI
Project Engineer, Fukumoto Engineering Makawao, HI