



Experiential Learning @ UT

Experiential learning is vital for college students as it bridges the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. By participating in internships, co-op programs, study abroad and service-learning projects, students develop critical thinking skills and gain real-world insights that can prepare them for successful careers. To help students make the most of their Vol Edge journey, here are key campus resources that support experiential learning and career readiness.

1. Internships – Hands-on work experience in a professional setting related to a student’s field of study. At UT, students can find internships through the [Center for Career Development & Academic Exploration](#).
2. Service-Learning – Community-based projects that combine learning objectives with meaningful service. UT offers various service-learning opportunities through the [Jones Center for Leadership and Service](#).
3. Study Abroad/Programs Abroad – Immersive learning experiences in international or domestic settings outside the classroom. The [Programs Abroad Office](#) at UT helps students find study abroad programs that fit their academic and personal goals.
4. Undergraduate Research – Engaging in faculty-led or independent research to explore academic interests. The [Office of Undergraduate Research](#) provides resources and support for students interested in research opportunities.
5. Co-ops (Cooperative Education) – Long-term, paid work experiences integrated with academic coursework. UT’s [Engineering Professional Practice Office](#) facilitates co-op programs primarily for engineering students.
6. Capstone Projects – Comprehensive, real-world projects that synthesize academic knowledge and skills. Many departments at UT, such as the [Tickle College of Engineering](#), require capstone projects as part of their curriculum.
7. Leadership Programs – Leadership roles or training that develop organizational and management skills. The [Center for Student Engagement](#) and [Jones Center for Leadership and Service](#) offers numerous leadership programs and workshops.
8. Fieldwork/Practicums – On-site experiences in specific disciplines like education, healthcare, or social work. For example, the [College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences](#) provides fieldwork opportunities for its students.

