

Spotlight On

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Emily Irr helps university present Internship Quest sessions

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Every Thursday, students at the University of South Dakota have the opportunity to search for internships, learn about networking or just brush up on their cover letter-writing skills.

The informal session is called Internship Quest and is held in the Academic Commons at I.D. Weeks Library.

"I think this is a good service because with the hiring culture changing, it's good to have someone to balance ideas off of to see what's going on in the market," said Emily Irr,

an intern for the Academic & Career Planning Center who runs the sessions. "Now more than ever, companies want people with experience, so we really want to promote internships. They still want that same degree, but they want you to have more experience than they used to."

"So, I think this is good for students to have this available if they want to pursue opportunities," she said.

A graduate student who is getting her master's in interdisciplinary studies, with an emphasis on adult higher education

and communications, Irr has been helping students since the beginning of this semester.

She said the sessions are based on the needs of the students. While some want help finding internships, others need interview tips.

Some students even have asked for help in picking a major, Irr said.

"I just assess what they want and go from there," she said. "I helped one student with his cover letter-writing because he wasn't really sure how to do that. So I helped him review it."

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everything going on. It's a lot to handle."

This could change as more students take advantage of Internship Quest and tell their friends about it, Irr said.

"I think this is good for students to have this available if they want to pursue opportunities. Maybe they don't know how to go about it," she said.

Internship Quest is hosted by the Academic & Career Planning Center.

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