

# SEARCHING FOR AN INTERNSHIP OR FULL-TIME JOB?



Consider applying to companies outside of the Chicagoland area. Many employers pay to relocate you with travel and housing funds plus your hourly wage or full-time salary. Read below to find out the benefits of relocating for an opportunity and tips for navigating the process!

Relocating for an internship or full-time opportunity can be daunting, but this decision can open the door to new career opportunities, unique connections, and professional growth.

- Relocating can open doors to opportunities that are not available in the Illinois and Chicago area, specifically in industries or companies that are region specific.
- You have the possibility of gaining access to technologies and work that may be unique to the company you are working for.
- If you have your eye set on opportunities in Chicago or Illinois, you might prolong your job search and stall the launching of your career.
- With a technology or engineering salary, you will be able to afford traveling to visit family and friends in Illinois.
- Once you've launched your career outside of the Chicago area, you will be a competitive candidate for roles in Chicago, if you decide to move back.

## BENEFITS OF RELOCATION



Learning about a new town/city! Attending events in your town like festivals, farmer's markets, etc. Checking out popular restaurants, tourist attractions, and cool activities to do there!



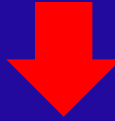
Candidates who have relocated for work are viewed by employers as adaptable, motivated, and willing to take on challenges. This can make your resume stand out.



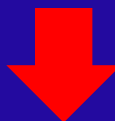
Relocating allows you to expand your professional network, connect with industry professionals, and meet potential mentors who can support your career growth.

# RELOCATION TIPS

You just received a job offer for an internship or full-time job that requires you to relocate! Now what?



Check with your company to see if they provide relocation assistance or support. It's not always guaranteed, but asking could reveal valuable opportunities or insights that you wouldn't want to miss out on.



Relocation assistance for each company varies. They may offer:



**Housing Stipends or Reimbursement for Relocation costs.**

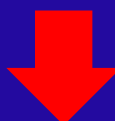


**Student Housing**

**RECOMMENDED**



**Recommendations for Housing**



There are companies who will offer assistance with traveling to the location you will be working, some companies may offer a stipend or reimburse you for your plane ticket.



For an internship, ask about connecting with interns for the possibility of sharing housing with them for the summer.



# **BUDGETING YOUR INTERNSHIP OR FULL-TIME JOB**



**Find out and estimate how much you will be making during the internship or full time job if it's paid (keep in mind taxes).**



**Search for cost of living in the area you plan to intern or work full time in. Estimate your expenses, food and rent.**



**How are you planning to travel to the location of your internship or full-time job opportunity? Do you plan on driving, flying, or taking a train? Keep in mind costs for tickets and/or gas.**



**How do you plan on commuting? You want to keep this in mind when looking for housing as well, so you know how far your housing is from your internship or full-time job.**



**Search LinkedIn to see if there are any UIC alumni or UIC students who have interned or joined the company full-time. Connect with them to ask about any tips they have for relocating.**