



Whitman Today

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A Culture of Giving



Photo: sophomore Nistha Rajbhandari and junior Katie Jose celebrated completion of their internships in a photo booth at last week's WIG recognition ceremony.

Have you discovered an excellent internship opportunity only to find it's unpaid? Fund it with the Whitman Internship Grant (WIG)!

The Whitman Internship Grant provides financial support to students who secure or build an unpaid internship opportunity at nonprofit organizations, some for-profit organizations, and government offices. As President Murray noted during last week's celebration of the Summer 2021 WIG participants, this program promotes a widespread culture of giving: from alumni, parents and friends of the college whose donations fund the grant, to the students who are then able to pursue a meaningful professional experience during their time at Whitman by working with organizations that benefit the Walla Walla Valley, their own hometown, or internationally.

Program Coordinator Mitzy Rodriguez received enthusiastic feedback and requests for future WIG interns from nonprofit leaders who worked with students. "We love [this program]! Several departments had never had interns before this and are now eager to make interns a regular addition to their teams," said a representative from Providence St. Mary's Hospital in Walla Walla.

Want to apply to the program? The grant cycle for the fall semester and 2021-2022 academic year applications is now open. **Deadline to submit an application is Sunday, Sept. 26.**

How to apply:

- Visit the [WIG website](#) to read about preparing to apply, eligibility requirements and what the application process looks like.
- Download the WIG Application Packet from the webpage and review all the information.
- Begin to complete prerequisites (scheduling a resume review appointment with a SEC Career Staff or a Student Career Advisor) and attend a WIG information session (the next session is Thursday, Sept. 23rd!)
- Submit the WIG application Google Form.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to the Student Engagement Center at sec_info@whitman.edu!

Update Your Emergency Contact Info

Following last week's campus-wide emergency preparedness training (which you can still [watch here as a recording](#) if you missed it live), we plan to test our emergency communication system later this week.

At that time you will receive an emergency alert via email, on speakers in college buildings and on your mobile device if we have your contact information. The alert will indicate that it is only a test. You will also be able to confirm that you received the alert via email or your mobile device. This is a new function that will help us account for people (if that is necessary) in case of an emergency.

Prior to the test, you might want to **check to make sure that your information is current** by following these instructions:

- Log on to my.whitman.edu
- Select the "My Profile" tab at the top
- Select "Campus Alerts" link from the list on the left
- Enter or update your information

It is important that we are able to reach all students, faculty and staff to give directions in case of an emergency on campus. The phone number you provide for campus alerts will not be used for other purposes.

Announcements

Digital Accessibility in Higher Education Webinar

Penrose Library would like to invite you to the Northwest Higher Education Accessibility Technology (NWHeat) group's Accessibility Webinar series. The first webinar in the series, "An Overview of the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) and How Accessibility Laws Apply to Digital Accessibility in Higher Education," is at 2 p.m. on Oct. 14. Speakers from the U.S. Department of Education and the OCR National Web Accessibility Team will discuss the types of allegations they handle, as well as how they identify accessibility barriers for people with disabilities, develop resolution strategies and work with vendors. Learn how they view and resolve hundreds of higher education technology accessibility allegations each year. For more information, [visit the NWHeat website](#).

A Clean Mask is a Happy Mask



Make sure that you are taking care of your face mask so that it can take care of you!

Cloth masks should be washed after each day's use and replaced if they show any of the following signs of wear:

- tears or rips
- stains
- weak elastic or straps that don't keep the mask fitted tightly
- thin or frayed fabric

If you use disposable masks, make sure that you wear a new mask every day. Disposable masks cannot be washed and are not appropriate for multiple days of use.

COVID Case on Campus

Positive COVID cases in our campus community are noted in *Whitman Today* in compliance with state regulations. We also update the data in our [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) every Monday.

In accordance with Washington state Labor & Industries employer requirements, we are notifying the campus community that in the past 24 hours, a person with Whitman access was confirmed positive for COVID-19. This person is now in isolation for 10 days in accordance with our campus and CDC guidelines. Though the likelihood of transmission is low due to our [campus COVID-19 protocols](#), it is possible that others may have been exposed to COVID-19. There is nothing you need to do at this time aside from following our campus COVID-19 protocols. Anyone identified through the contact tracing process as a close contact (within 6 ft. for at least 15 minutes over 24 hours) will be personally notified.

Upcoming Events

TODAY

4 p.m. [WhitLife Finance Training \\$\\$\\$](#)

TUESDAY

8:30-10 a.m. **Vaccination-Exempted COVID-19 Testing**

11 a.m.-2 p.m. [Whitman College Virtual Career & Internship Fair](#)

noon [Virtual Info Session: AU Washington Semester Program](#)

9 p.m. [Varsity Nordic Improv Team Auditions](#)

WEDNESDAY

7 p.m. [Walla Walla 102](#)

THURSDAY

1p.m. [Breaking Down the Whitman Internship Grant Application](#)

FRIDAY

[Climbing Club Trip to Spring Mountain](#)

noon [Career Impact Lunch with Davey Friedman-Hong 11](#)

1 p.m. [William O. Douglas Centennial Conference](#)

1:30 p.m. [BIPOC Outdoor Club Open Kayak](#)

5 p.m. [Sororities' Fall Recruitment Begins](#)

SATURDAY

9 a.m. [Day Hike at Tiger Canyon](#)

noon [Whitman College Women's Soccer vs Willamette University](#)

1:30 p.m. [Rock Painting at the Labyrinth](#)

SUNDAY

9 a.m. [Intermediate Mountain Biking in the Blues](#)

10 a.m. [BIPOC Outdoor Club Day Hike Trip to Twin Sisters](#)

Whitman Events Calendar

Have an event you'd like to share with campus? Submit the information to the [Events Calendar](#).

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Submissions are welcome! If you have a professional or personal accomplishment to celebrate, an event to publicize or other content to share with the Whitman community, email whitmantoday@whitman.edu. Submissions should be 125 words or less. The deadline for submissions is noon for the following day's newsletter, though submissions may be held for a later date according to space and editorial needs. By submitting to Whitman Today you also authorize use on Whitman's social media unless otherwise specified.

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