

# **RATE Internships**

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## UNDERAGE AND UNDERPAID: INTERNS SAY THEY FEEL EXPLOITED

### Website Exposes the Reality of Internships, Allows Students to Rant and Know What They're Getting into Ahead of Time

As more students graduate from college, internships have become a popular way for recent grads to distinguish themselves when they apply for jobs. But, with a huge supply of labor, many companies have taken advantage of inexperienced students by giving them menial tasks and low pay — or no pay at all.

RateInternships.com, a website re-launched in May, allows students to rate their internships and search for reviews. By opening a forum for students to talk about their experiences, this website has empowered interns to know what they're getting into before they apply for their summer jobs.

It has also exposed a broad spectrum of rants and praises.

One anonymous reviewer realized the retail industry wasn't for her after interning at Target.

"It was an eye opening experience. I don't even shop at Target anymore. If you want a summer internship that pays well and you just wanna waste some time, do this one. It was a waste of my time but I got real world experience by being in a hostile work environment with an incompetent store manager and recruiter."

Others, such as an intern at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, were surprised by how much they enjoyed working in an office.

"Best experience for MOTIVATED College student. I also LOVE Beijing and have made some GREAT friends over here. (So, you will have to excuse me if I sound overly enthusiastic about working in an office)."

RateInternships.com has a host of other searchable reviews, ranging from Goldman Sachs to Six Flags. As more interns add reviews, the college workforce will be able to make better-informed decisions about their internships — and companies will be held accountable for the way they treat their interns.

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If you'd like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with Alfred Megally, one of the website's founders, please call 508-596-3854 or email amegally@rateinternships.com.