# Academic Internships 101 for Faculty



# What is an Academic Internship?

A stand-alone course, typically numbered 195 or 295, that formally integrates the student's academic study with practical experience in a cooperating organization

### They are:

- Intentionally planned and tied to pedagogy
- educationally appropriate
- sustainable over time
- fair and accessible
- You and the student are protected through SAFECLIP insurance
- On- or off-campus; in-person or remote
- In non-profit, community, government, or business settings



## How Do You Initiate an Academic Internship?

- 1.Go to <u>www.csus.edu/cec</u> to check for existing community partner(s)
- 2.Reach out to potential community partner(s)
- 3.Obtain a Community Learning Agreement (CLA) for each partner
- 4.Enroll students in a 195 or 295 course
- 5.Place students at approved sites in <u>CECconnect</u>
- 6.Have students complete
  University-required paperwork
  on <u>CECconnect</u>



# How Do You Structure an Academic Internship?

### Every department is different, but in terms of general suggestions:

- Build meaningful partnerships in the community
- Establish faculty-driven
  placements, or if student-driven,
  make sure there is enough time
  to establish Community
  Learning Agreement (CLA)
- Complete <u>CECconnect</u>
   placement and student
   paperwork in first few weeks of
   the semester



# Where Can You Find More Information?

#### Visit www.csus.edu/cec for:

- Academic Internship Toolkit
- List of current Community Learning Agreements
- Request for Community Learning Agreement (CLA)
- Faculty and student trainings for CECconnect
- <u>Contact</u>: Dr. Ann Moylan, CEC
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