

"THE PROGRAM CHANGED THE COURSE OF MY LIFE BY ALLOWING ME USE THE SKILLS I HAD ACQUIRED IN COLLEGE, LEARN NEW SKILLS, & GROW CONFIDENCE IN MYSELF. "

SARAH, INTERN

"EACH POSITION WAS CUSTOM DESIGNED FOR THE SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL. THE EARLY WEEKS WERE SPENT ASSESSING EACH INTERN. IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG TO DETERMINE [MY SON'S] BIGGEST STRENGTHS ARE HIS SOCIAL SKILLS. BUT, THE PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR WAS ABLE TO DIG DEEPER AND PERFECTLY MATCH HIM WITH MENTORS AND JOB ASSIGNMENTS THAT PUSHED HIM TO NOT ONLY GROW, BUT TO FLOURISH, IN MANY OTHER AREAS."

KAITIE, PARENT

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B.E.S.T.

BRIDGE TO EMPLOYMENT IN
SERVICE AND TOURISM

**Bridge to Employment
in Service and Tourism
Internship Program**



What It's About

The B.E.S.T. program provides career exploration, immersion in workplace settings, soft skills training, and work-related social skills instruction.



The ideal intern has a goal of obtaining competitive community employment immediately following the internship.

That's how we measure our success!



What It Looks Like

- 16 weeks part or full time weeks at ORNL
- 7 hour days

The first 3 weeks serve as orientation to the campus and time to assess interests, skills, and abilities to individualize interns' experience.

Next, interns work with an ORNL contact and B.E.S.T. instructor to select departments they prefer to work. They'll interview with the mentor to be selected.

In the internship, they learn and employ general work skills and professional behavior that will transfer to their chosen careers.



Do I Qualify?

- 18+
- diagnosed disability that presents a barrier to employment
- reliable transportation
- receive **either** of the following
 - 1.employment service benefits from Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)
 - 2.Community Based Day or Supported Employment Services from DIDD or TennCare's ECF CHOICES through Amerigroup, Blue Cross Blue Shield or United Healthcare.

How Do I Apply?

Complete the application found at www.breakthroughknoxville.org. Click on "What We Do" "Community Employment" & "BEST"

