

THE PROFESSIONAL EDGE BADGE

What is the Professional Edge?

A University System of Maryland-sanctioned digital badge indicating that you have obtained experience in your field, maintained high standards of professionalism, and developed an ability to articulate your career-related strengths and skills. This version of the badge is sponsored by UMBC.

You may request the Professional Edge at the **CONCLUSION** of your semester in the Career Center Intern Success Practicum.



The Benefits:

- A recognized, University System of Maryland digital badge you can add to your public profiles on LinkedIn, myUMBC, and UMBCworks
- Special invitations to network and share your experience with employers
- Special invitations to serve as a student panelist or speaker
- Professional LinkedIn head shot
- Breakfast badging ceremony
- “Professional Edge” enameled pin to be worn at career fairs and networking events

Your Next Steps:

- **Thoughtfully complete ALL assignments** for the Intern Success Practicum
- **Obtain a strong performance evaluation** from your site supervisor, with ratings of “Good” or better in all areas. (This evaluation is automatically emailed to your supervisor.)
- **Submit a 1-2 minute video of yourself to internships@umbc.edu**. Imagine you are at a networking event, telling an employer about:
 - Your **top accomplishment(s)** from your internship, co-op or research
 - Career-related **skills** and personal **strengths** you have developed through your internship, co-op or research
 - **Your career goals** and the next steps you will take to further those goals.

That’s it! We will review your video, along with your Practicum assignments and evaluation, and let you know when you’ve been awarded the badge.

Questions? Email internships@umbc.edu!

