How you can go beyond

You don’t want to have a ho-hum college experience. (We don’t want you to have a ho-hum experience either.)

So, you’ll have many opportunities to have an awesome college experience and go beyond.

You’ll have a chance to conduct research with your professor. Get great experience as you intern at a company or organization. Travel to another country where you can study and immerse yourself in that culture. Then use that experience to get a great job or admitted into a prestigious graduate school.
Several of our students conduct research with their professors each year. During the 2014-15 academic year, 40 students conducted research on a variety of topics. Previous research topics included:

- Biomass fuels and lubricants
- Cyberactivism
- Ethnotourism in Himalayan India
- Extremophile bacteria
- Human trafficking
- Navajo healers
- Preschool problem solving
- Sex in advertising

And our students don’t just conduct the research. They have opportunities to present their findings either at our annual Honors Day on campus in April or at the annual Penn York Undergraduate Research Conference.
Alassia determined which organisms isolated from turmeric and ginger had the highest L-asparaginase activity. It’s important research because L-asparaginase, a non-essential amino acid, can be used to treat certain kinds of leukemia.

“I like the hands-on labs, the small classes and getting to know my professors because I feel more comfortable and can ask for help if I need it.”
Lisa conducted research with her professors, Dr. Helene Lawson and Dr. Kira Leck, to find out why some people tend to “overshare” personal information with strangers. To find the answers, she interviewed area service workers about the kinds of interactions they had with their customers.

“I have more of an insight into academic research now,” which she says will help her when she applies to graduate school. “I got to know the professors personally, and I really appreciate that,” she said.

“This research is one of the most fulfilling things I’ve done since I’ve been here.”
Brandon conducted research for the first time. He researched tumor development in fruit flies with his biology professor, Dr. Lauren Yaich. He examined what factors — either pro-inflammatory or anti-inflammatory — affected the overexpression line that produced tumors in the eyes of fruit flies.

“My time in the genetics lab last semester involved fruit flies and their genes, which interested me and made me want to do gene research. I like how interactive biology is. Having my biology and chemistry labs so hands on makes it much easier to learn.”
Candice and Kayla studied how stable over-the-counter medicines are when exposed to various environmental factors. In the chemistry lab, they exposed each drug to steam, heat and ultraviolet light to see how — or if — the medicines degraded.

“The best part about chemistry is that it is so hands on,” Kayla said. “All of my classes have been very small, so I can get a lot of one-on-one time with my professors.”
As a Pitt-Bradford student, the internship opportunities you’ll have will be as limitless as your imagination. During the 2014-15 academic year, 119 students served as interns at many places, including:

- Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas in Pittsburgh
- Bradford City Police Department
- Camp Woodward, an extreme sports residential camp
- Carnegie Science Center
- Chicago Botanical Garden
- Erie SeaWolves minor league baseball team
- FBI
- Goldman Sachs
- Heinz Field in Pittsburgh
- D.C. United, a Major League Soccer team
- Television network BET
- Walt Disney World
- Water Reed National Military Medical Center’s Naval Medical Research Center
- WSYR-TV News in Syracuse, NY
- Zippo Manufacturing Co.
Jah interned at Colonial Media Entertainment, where he learned what it took to successfully run and manage a chain of radio stations. He updated and edited commercials, assisted with live broadcasts and handled the technology for the live shows.

“I like that the broadcast communications major is a very hands-on, always-changing field.”
Bryan was a summer intern at Holiday Valley ski resort in Ellicottville, N.Y., where he was involved in planning and executing the resort’s annual events and assisting with snow reporting on the website. He also monitored online reviews and either responded to them or passed them along to someone else in the appropriate department.

“My experience at Pitt-Bradford has been the perfect fit for me. With small classes and a lot of one-on-one attention, I was given all the tools to succeed.”
Anthony spent his summer as an intern at the Bradford City Police Department to learn the role policing plays in the criminal justice system. He said he also learned that the officers are very knowledgeable and do their job well.

“What I like best about Pitt-Bradford is the small atmosphere and the ability to get to know my professors.”
Kyley was on the athletic training staff for Major League Soccer team D.C. United last summer. She worked with the professional athletes, treating, rehabilitating, and preventing and assessing their injuries, and also assisted the sports medicine staff.

“My classes at Pitt-Bradford helped me to be prepared for whatever task was thrown my way, and my internship with D.C. United was absolutely incredible.”
Mark learned how to use the equipment, produce commercials, cover sporting events and fine-tune his on-air vocals as an intern at radio station WESB. He said his internship was the most interesting experience he’s had so far.

“My internship has been amazing, and the broadcast communications major is first class and second to none.”
Laura was part of the network team while she was an intern at Blair Corp. She worked on the company’s Amazon server and assisted employees with their information technology needs.

“\[I\] love the small class sizes and how easy it is to contact professors. I like that the professors go the extra mile to help students with anything they’re struggling with.”

LAURA MCKIBBIN
Computer information systems and technology major from Warren, Pa.
Blayr got hands-on experience as an intern with the Bradford City Police Department this spring and learned something new every day. She hopes to use all she’s learned to protect and serve her community as a police officer.

“My professors get to know me, and they care about my academic success.”
Olyver was an intern at Bradford Regional Medical Center’s Behavioral Health Systems. He got a first-hand look at the functions, roles and responsibilities of the criminal behavioral health system.

“Pitt-Bradford has given me opportunities that I couldn’t have had at any other university. My experience at Pitt-Bradford has been phenomenal.”
Alyssa spent her summer interning with the Erie SeaWolves, a minor league baseball affiliate of the Detroit Tigers. Her hands-on experience gave her the opportunity to see — and learn — how things are run at the professional level.

“Working with athletes is the best part of my major. And the best part about Pitt-Bradford is the close community and the opportunities available.”
Jonathan loves the outdoors — one reason he chose Pitt-Bradford — so spending his summer as an intern in Allegany State Park was just perfect. With his portable GPS, he collected data points for new trailhead maps, hiking throughout the park’s 60,000 acres. Along the way, he discovered waterfalls and several rock formations.

“I chose this area because it’s so scenic. The best part about Pitt-Bradford is the small community and the surrounding environment.”
Delaney was pretty busy last summer, juggling two internships. She interned at the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh and also was a public relations/marketing intern at the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, where she wrote and distributed press releases, updated media contact lists, consulted with local and national news outlets, and helped to organize the Trust’s annual music festival. She even helped to prepare Trust guests for interviews on KDKA’s Pittsburgh Today Live morning show.

“I’ve learned so much from the incredible, dedicated professors, not just how to succeed in the job market but in life overall. Attending school here has played one of the biggest roles in my growth as a young adult.”
Or, you can really go beyond — beyond the boundaries of the United States — and study in another country. Many of our students do each year. During the 2014-15 academic year, 30 students studied abroad. Our students have traveled to many countries, including:

- Australia
- Austria
- Argentina
- Costa Rica
- England
- Ireland
- India
- Japan
- Jordan
- Morocco
- Spain
Nnedimma spent the 2015-16 school year at Fudan University in Shanghai where she learned to speak Mandarin. When she finished her studies, she returned to the states to spend her summer interning at Google — yes, that Google.

“IT’S SUCH A GREAT EXPERIENCE TO STUDY ABROAD AND MEET PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.”
Marissa went way out of her comfort zone and the confines of her small hometown. She spent two months in Buenos Aires, Argentina, studying Spanish for the first time. She also experienced many other firsts: traveling to the waterfalls of Iguazu, zip lining in Mendoza, visiting the Andes Mountains, and seeing the ranches and cathedrals of Salta.

“During my time in Argentina, I learned more about myself than I ever expected to. I learned that surpassing my comfort zone enabled me to develop into a better version of myself.”
Steven studied in Europe in the fall, visiting Rome, Italy; Barcelona, Spain; Copenhagen, Denmark; and the Cliffs of Moher in Ireland. He was surprised by how much he learned — both inside and outside of class — about each different culture.

“*The teachers at Pitt-Bradford are very friendly and always willing to help, all while continuing to push me to do better.*”
Troi spent her spring semester in London, studying British broadcasting and 20th century British history. When class ended, she explored, rode the tube, ate fish and chips, and visited popular attractions such as Stonehenge and Kensington Palace. On weekends, she visited other parts of Europe, chronicling her trip in her blog, “The Life of T.”

“There’s nothing like being in a completely different world to make you realize how big the world is. This is one of the best experiences I’ve ever had.”
Stephen spent his summer interning in London with the West Ham United Football Club (soccer for those of us in the United States). He examined the team’s social media presence and analyzed fan demographics to help the team prepare for its move to London’s Olympic Stadium next season.

“My academic experience at Pitt-Bradford has been fantastic. I love my major and my professors.”
Edith wants to be an obstetrician/gynecologist. To prepare for a career in medicine, she not only interned at Bradford Regional Medical Center shadowing physicians, she also spent her summer in India learning about traditional medicine.

“Studying abroad in India was one of the most rewarding academic experiences. I am grateful to be part of a university that focuses on the students and their academic growth.”
Lucas spent his summer studying in Germany, which he said was an eye-opening experience. He knew the best way to learn as much as he could was to completely immerse himself in the culture.

“The personal family-like community that Pitt-Bradford offers is second to none. Professors truly care about their students.”
After graduation

Not only will these experiences enrich your college life, they’ll also give you an advantage when you graduate, helping you to get a great job or admission into a prestigious graduate school.
Julian may know better than anyone the advantages of going beyond. One summer, he spent two weeks in Paris, taking part in the University of Pittsburgh’s “Global Justice?” seminar. The next summer, he interned as an analyst at Goldman Sachs Group in New York City. He did such a good job there that he had a position waiting for him when he graduated.

“Throughout my academic career, I have been challenged to think more critically and holistically.”
Jenny was a student intern at Penn Highlands Healthcare in Dubois, Pa., where she impressed her supervisors so much that they offered her a job when she completed her degree. She now cares for sick and pre-term infants in the neonatal intensive care unit at the hospital.

“Pitt-Bradford gave me the skills necessary to fulfill my job obligations.”
Marissa took advantage of all of the opportunities she had on campus. Besides studying in Argentina, she participated in Student Government Association and interned at the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Along the way, she said she amassed the skills she needed to succeed in law school. Marissa is now a student at Villanova University’s Charles Widger School of Law.

“When I stepped onto Pitt-Bradford’s campus, I knew it was exactly where I wanted to be.”
Anne was thankful for all of the opportunities she had to conduct research as a biology student. She was also grateful for the strong foundation she received in biology, which prepared her for graduate school. She is now a doctoral student at West Virginia University’s School of Pharmacy.

“The best part about Pitt-Bradford was the friendly community, in and out of classes.”
Alex said her professors were always available and eager to help her. She also developed good study habits at Pitt-Bradford, which she said will help her succeed in graduate school. She is now a student in the Master of Occupational Therapy program at Chatham University.

“It’s a great school if you’re looking for a small campus.”