STUDENTS GOING BEYOND: RESEARCH, INTERNSHIPS, STUDY ABROAD AND AFTER GRADUATION
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, we give you 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.
Lisa is conducting 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’s interviewing area service workers about the kinds of interactions they have 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 is conducting research for the first time. He’s researching tumor development in fruit flies with his biology professor, Dr. Lauren Yaich. He is examining what factors — either pro-inflammatory or anti-inflammatory — affect the overexpression line that produces 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 are studying how stable over-the-counter medicines are when exposed to various environmental factors. In the chemistry lab, they’ll expose each drug to steam, heat and ultraviolet light to see how — or if — the medicines degrade.

“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.
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.”
Troi spent her summer interning in the events department at The Franklin Institute, one of the oldest centers for science education. She planned and coordinated a wide range of events, from weddings to an NFL conference. She also went with other students on a cultural trip to Japan and visited several places, including Mt. Fuji and Tokyo.

“I love the fact that the faculty and staff want us to succeed. I have met some of the greatest people I have ever known at this school, which has allowed me to grow as a student leader and a person.”
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.”
Study abroad

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
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. He spent his summer as an intern at Goldman Sachs Group Inc. He did such a good job there that he has a position waiting for him when he graduates next spring.

“Throughout my academic career at Pitt-Bradford, I have been challenged to think more critically and holistically. I appreciate the passion the professors bring to their classes and the diversity in thought of the students I have encountered.”
Yara conducted research with the university’s Center for Rural Health Practice and was an intern at the Naval Medical Research Center at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Those experiences helped shape her desire to pursue a career in the public health field.

Now, she’s a student at the University of Pittsburgh’s Graduate School of Public Health.

“"My academic experience at Pitt-Bradford was exceptional. My four years at Pitt-Bradford were the most challenging years of my adult life but absolutely the most rewarding."
Mariah worked in the microbiology lab with Dr. Om Singh, studying microbial occurrence and antibiotic resistance in a variety of foods, which she said set the foundation for her future career.

She’s now a student at the University of Pittsburgh’s Graduate School of Public Health.

“Pitt-Bradford gave me the research opportunities I needed for graduate school. The best part about attending Pitt-Bradford was meeting professors with great personalities and realizing my future will be bright thanks to them and the school.”