**Internship Programs to Grow**

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This year students applied for approximately 30 positions open in III-B, according to Joseph M. Dhosi ’59, Course III-B’s senior administrative officer. Generally, three-fourths of each class in the department participates in Course III-B; he added. About 90 percent of each year’s applicants is successful in finding an internship, he said.

The Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science is counting this decline by the increasing number of recruiting companies by 10 percent each year for five years, O’Toole said. This is also in preparation for the five-year Master of Engineering program, which begins with next year’s entering class, he added.

EIP also plans to expand the number of participating companies, Ramsey said.

Several departments represented

The VLA Internship Program in ECEK is in its 75th year, according to O’Toole. “It enjoys an excellent reputation in industry,” O’Toole said. “The seniors and presidents of companies we deal with are VLA graduates.”

EIP was created about 15 years ago to serve all of the engineering departments. It was modeled after the VLA program. Most of the students in the program are from the mechanical engineering department and the computer and aerospace departments.

The other majors represented are mechanical sciences and engineering, civil engineering, ocean engineering, and nuclear engineering. There is an increasing demand for materials scientists and environmental engineers, Ramsey said. However, very few EIP students are ocean and nuclear engineers simply because these undergraduate departments are small, he added.

The III-B program is over 20 years old and is more informal than the other two, Dhosi said. One of the differences is that students are not required to return to the same company after the first summer. “There’s no intrinsic need for the topic to be the same,” Dhosi said. Nonetheless, about two-thirds of the students do stay with the same company, he added.

Interviews are the last step

Each program has a series of events leading up to the actual interviews. These include an orientation lecture and company open houses. Students also submit a preference list of companies with which they want to interview. Based on both the students’ and companies’ time constraints, program coordinators schedule the interviews.

We want to give as much information to students as they can make informed decisions,” O’Toole said.

The companies receive a preference list, and students with offers choose to accept or decline them by mid-April.

In addition to a student’s salary, some companies also have to pay additional fees to participate in these programs. For the VI-A program and EIP the company pays a “participation fee,” which covers the administrative costs. They pay for the travel for the student and faculty advisor, and some companies give the student employee benefits.

EIP does not charge a fee during years that a company does not recruit, but after three years, the company is placed on inactive status, Ramsey said.

On the other hand, the III-B program does not charge any participation fees, Dhosi said. Moreover, companies do not pay for flying faculty advisors to the work site, Pol- loux said.

O’Toole said, “I want the company to look upon the student as a company employee” in terms of salaries, benefits, disciplines, and requirements for employment.

He added that the VLA office does not intervene in the salary process, but conducts a survey of salaries based on geographic location and student’s year. The office sends the results to companies so they can “see where they fall in the competition,” O’Toole said.

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