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Statement

I desire an internship because I see it as a valuable opportunity to gain real-world experience from the confines of a credited institution. In other words, I can see how the industry operates while I am learning about it. It is also a fantastic way to prepare for the real job that comes at the end of academic studies. Learning about the job is one thing, but experiencing it is a whole different ballgame. From this internship, I hope to gain knowledge of how professional deadlines are met, how to better my time management and understand what is expected from me in my writing. I want to learn it now, so that when I accept an offer for a job, I already have a routine, know expectations and can adjust to what the employer seeks. My career aspirations are to become a trustworthy sportswriter. I want to be the source of news for fans who follow a specific sport. Aside from gathering information and reporting it, I want to tell stories about athletes. I want to humanize the athlete and show readers a different side of sports rather than just what is on the screen. I know all these goals are possible through working hard and perfecting my craft through my time here at Penn State, and an internship would certainly assist in my quest to reach those goals.