

Does a Soldier participating in an internship stop collecting Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)?

No. If you are in an approved OWF internship and the appropriate paperwork is submitted to your Social Security Administration (SSA) Case Manager, your SSDI benefits will be protected while you progress in career readiness. The Soldier is responsible for providing the SSA Case Manager with a completed, signed OWF Placement form.

When participating in an internship, how does the Soldier learn what full-time job options are available?

If the Soldier is interested in permanent employment with the internship agency, the Soldier should discuss the option of permanent employment with their worksite supervisor. He or she will have the most up to date information regarding the position and will be able to guide the Soldier through the process or receive assistance from the agency's Human Resources Division.

If the Soldier is interested in federal employment with a different agency, they should search USAJobs, the federal government's official jobs site, and apply through the website.

May the Soldier receive compensation for his internship duties?

No. The Soldier may not receive compensation or benefits from the agency, as he will continue to be paid by the Army.

What is required of the Soldier prior to internship participation?

The Soldier must be determined medically ready to participate, which depends on two factors:

1. A medical management clearance that concludes the Soldier is medically, physically and emotionally ready to participate in an internship while continuing medical treatment.
2. A command clearance that concludes the Soldier demonstrates the initiative and self-discipline required to participate in an internship.

The Soldier must also have a federal résumé and a completed and signed OWF Approval for Participation form.

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