Career Advancement Miami Survival Guide: How to Get On Track as a Summer Intern in Miami, FL

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Connect with Alumni
While you’re in the city, you will have the opportunity to connect with another great resource: University of Chicago alumni in Miami. Whether you’re interested in working in Miami after graduation, or you wish to find out more about certain career paths, networking with alumni might end up being one of the most beneficial things you can do during your summer. Before you leave for the summer, spend some time researching alumni who are currently working in Miami on the online alumni directory: http://www.uchicagoalumni.org.

Welcome to Miami!
Miami is a city like no other. Known for its beautiful beaches, warm weather, diversity culture and distinct arts scene, Miami is an exciting metropolitan city with a Latin flair.

Recently, Miami has expanded beyond its touristic offerings and has blossomed into a center for arts and business. Downtown Miami is home to the largest concentration of international banks in America, and houses many other large firms and businesses. Because of its proximity to Latin America and business center, many notable companies are headquartered in Miami, such as Burger King, Royal Caribbean, and various Latin American subdivisions of larger conglomerates.

Quick facts:
• Population: 2.6 + million
• Annual average daily temperature: 76 degrees F
• 150+ ethnicities and 60+ languages
• With more than 800 buildings, Miami Beach’s Art Deco district is home to the world’s largest collection of Art Deco Architecture
• Miami has more than 800 parks and is the only city in the United States that is bordered by two separate National Parks – Biscayne National Park and Everglades National Park

Miami Summer Housing
Finding housing in any new city can be a bit of a hassle. Below are a few websites that list sublets and temporary housing. Always remember to exercise precaution when choosing where to live. Before signing any documents or making any payments, be sure to video chat with the owner of the property and, if possible, ask for a video tour of the property.

• Airbnb: This website lists thousands of private homes available for short-term rental in all parts of the world. Just in Miami, the website offers over 1,000 listings. Listings include private rooms, shared rooms, or the entire property, and properties themselves vary widely and are mapped out around the city. The website also includes reviews and hosts are required to undergo a verification process. Hosts may also include references on their profile in order to increase credibility.
• Miami Craigslist: Craigslist offers various listings and classifieds for all sorts of products and services. It also offers an extensive listing of available housing and sublets that have been listed by either the owners or current tenants.
• University of Miami Summer Intern Housing: Located in Coral Gables, the University of Miami
offers summer housing for undergraduate or graduate students enrolled in other universities who will be interning in the Miami area. It is only minutes away from the MetroRail and offers reasonably priced, furnished accommodations. Visit the website for more information on housing, floor plans, pricing, and the application process.

- **Metro Roommates**: Current owners or tenants list their properties on this site in search of roommates for different amounts of time. Various listings in the Miami area and around Miami universities are included.
- **Student Rent**: This apartment portal serves students looking for off-campus housing. As such, most listings will be located close to universities in the Miami area.
- **Apartments.com**: Here, you can find an extensive listing of apartments for rent. Among one of its features is the POLYGON search tool, where one can draw the area in which they wish to search for listings. Leases and minimum stays vary.
- **Sublet.com**: Website partnered with Metro Roommates. Though many of the listings on here can also be found on Metro Roommates, the properties and rooms listed here are specifically those that can be subletted, and may not include a roommate.
- **Rooms in Miami**: Furnished rooms in Miami which can be rented immediately at either weekly or monthly rates can be found here. Offers rooms in various different Miami neighborhoods, and features an online application process.

**Neighborhoods**

Not unlike Chicago, Miami is a city made up of various neighborhoods. Each has a distinct personality and flair, and as such, differ in the type of internships and housing that they offer. A small sampling of the city, the following neighborhoods include the most popular ones, and those in which most of UChicago’s internships are located. For more extensive information on these neighborhoods, and others, check out Airbnb’s Miami Neighborhood Guide, which also includes rentals in these areas.

**Miami Beach**
Population: 91,000
- Known for its world-famous beaches, restaurants, shopping, and nightlife
- 95% of public spaces boast free Wi-Fi
- Separate from mainland, though easily accessible by car and public transportation
- Popular landmarks: Lincoln Road, Ocean Drive, South Pointe Park
- World famous for its beaches and the Historic Art Deco district, Miami Beach is perhaps the most recognizable of the Miami neighborhoods. It is a popular vacation destination and hosts a large number of hotels, restaurants, shopping, and nightlife. Geographically, Miami Beach is a peninsula that runs parallel to the rest of the city, though various bridges make it easily accessible from the mainland. Miami Beach also offers increasingly-popular bike sharing services (think: Divvy bikes) that make it easy to get around. Its unparalleled beaches and diverse culture make it a neighborhood like no other.

**Downtown Miami**
Population: 67,000
- Financial and commercial center of the city
- Miami Metromover offers free public transportation around the area
- Well known for its cultural and dining offerings
- Popular landmarks: American Airlines Arena, Vizcaya Museum & Gardens, Bayside Marketplace

Known for its skyscrapers and spectacular oceanfront skyline, downtown Miami serves as the financial and commercial center of the city. The Miami Metromover offers free public transportation around the area, with a total of twenty stops that loop around downtown. The area boasts around 70,000 residents, though many of those that work here commute from surrounding communities. The American Airlines Arena, home of the Miami Heat, is found here, as well as various parks that host concert series during the summer.

**Wynwood**
Population: 14,800
- Art district home to over 70 galleries, museums and collections
- Artistic, colorful, and diverse: renovated and repurposed warehouses now house prominent art galleries and wall murals come from some of the most well-known graffiti artists
- Home to one of the largest open-air street-art installations in the world
- Popular landmarks: Wynwood Walls, Bakehouse Art Complex, Museum of Fashion

**Coral Gables**
Population: 49,600
- Motto: “The City is Beautiful”
- Families, young professionals, and college students converge in this colorful yet leisurely neighborhood
- Coral Gables trolley runs through the neighborhood all day for convenient transportation
Transportation
Miami offers several ways to get around the city. Though it can be easy to get around once within a certain neighborhood, getting from one to the other may sometimes require a car.

Public Transportation
Miami-Dade Transit: The 15th largest public transit system in the US, Miami-Dade Transit provides the main public transportation offerings to get around the city. It records over 350,000 weekly users, and offers the following services. To plan a trip and learn more about its services, visit the transit Home Page. To view a full map of the transit system, click here.

- **Metromover**: A free train that runs along a 4.4 mile circuit in the downtown Miami area. It runs every day from 5am to midnight, stopping at areas of interest such as the American Airlines Arena, Bayside Marketplace, and Miami-Dade College. For a map of the Metromover route, click here.

- **Metrobus**: This service is composed by a fleet of over 800 buses which run 365 days a year. The buses offer transportation around the greater Miami area, as well as to and from Miami Beach. Metrobus runs in each of the four neighborhoods described above, and when used in conjunction with the Metrorail can be used for some inter-neighborhood transportation.

- **Metrorail**: The Metrorail provides services to and from the Miami International Airport, Coral Gables, Downtown Miami, and South Miami. It runs along 25 miles of tracks and consists of 23 stations, each about one mile apart.

- **Coral Gables Trolley**: The Coral Gables Trolley operates independently of Miami-Dade Transit, and offers transportation within the neighborhood. It runs down the main street of Ponce de Leon Boulevard, going from the Douglas Metrorail Station to Flagler Street. It’s a free service that runs from Monday to Friday 6:30am-8:00pm.

Cars and Other
Zipcar: Zipcar is a car rental alternative that allows customers to pick up a car and rent it for different amounts of time. Zipcar has around ten stations in the Miami area, where people can pick up and drop off the cars. It’s a great alternative to public transportation or to make commuting a little bit faster.

Decobike: This is a new bike sharing service that operates in Miami Beach and downtown Miami (think: Divvy Bike). Like other bike sharing companies, the bikes can be picked up from a station and returned at another station. Customers can choose hourly, daily, or monthly rates. If you are thinking of living close to your office, this could be a great alternative.

Miami Safety
After living in the city of Chicago, you should be well-versed in safety precautions for urban environments. However, here are some basic tips you should be reminded of before your internship in Miami.

When Walking:
- Always remember that there is safety in numbers. Walk with friends, or take populated routes when going places. Be especially careful when walking at night.
- Plan your route in advance, walk with a purpose, and be alert at all times, especially when talking on a cell phone or using headphones.
- Avoid deserted areas such as parks, alleys, and vacant lots.
- If you think you’re being followed, cross the street, change direction, or go to a public place.
- If you need to use a public restroom, try a Barnes & Noble, a Starbucks Coffee, or a large chain hotel.
- Never display large amounts of cash or flaunt jewelry or cameras in public. If you need to organize your wallet, duck into a store.
- Don’t keep your wallet in the back pocket of your pants or backpack, and be aware of your wallet or purse in crowds. Pickpockets often use helpers to create disturbances nearby.
- Use caution when using ATMs and don’t carry too much cash around with you. Most places accept credit cards and there are ATMs everywhere. Just make sure you choose one that is in a busy, well-lighted area.