



We look forward to including you among the companies who participate in the

**FIT SUMMER 2026 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

**June 1st – August 7th, 2026**

**PORTFOLIO REVIEWS (*by virtual appointment*)**

**February 18 –February 25, 2026**

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Dear Toy Association members,

We are pleased to invite your participation in The FIT Toy Design Department 2026 Summer Internship program.

The FIT Toy Design Department has the distinct advantage of working with the Toy Association and industry leaders to provide a well rounded curriculum framing a successful summer program. Our students have worked as interns in the industry for more than 30 years with exceptional results.

The internship program during the summer of 2025 was conducted both in-person as well as hybrid and demonstrated our flexibility to support your company's needs.

Many FIT interns' designs have been included in lines from: Just Play, Mattel/FisherPrice, Hasbro, Jazwares, K'NEX Industries, KIDdesigns, MGA/Little Tikes, Manhattan Toy, Nickelodeon, Spin Master/Gund, FaberCastell/Creativity for Kids, Bark Box and others.

Companies sponsoring interns have often decided to employ those students upon graduation.

[Click HERE to read industry testimonials.](#)

Our students internship skills have included:

- Rendering presentation boards
- 3D modeling, sculpting, breadboards
- Conceptualizing ideas
- Communicating with manufacturers
- Research and development
- Sketching and storyboarding
- CAD
- Preparing sales presentations
- Rendering exploded views for costing

We take a personal approach to internship, matching the interests and abilities of our students with the specific needs of your company. I look forward to speaking with you directly to gain a clear understanding of your product line and corporate profile in order to recommend appropriate candidates whose talents and skills are best suited to meet your specific needs. A meeting is arranged for company representatives to review candidates' portfolios and talk with the appropriate students before final assignments are made.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

- **Hybrid and In Person Internships:** Our interns are highly adaptable to meet the needs of your company. We prefer that our students work in person, but are open to a conversation with you.
- **Housing:** Companies outside of New York City provide housing for interns (if the internship is not conducted virtually). This can be an apartment, local college dormitory room, or even in a private guest room in the home of a responsible employee of the company, as long as the accommodations are clean and make the student feel welcome. Companies in the New York City area provide a stipend to house students who permanently reside outside the city. Companies' specific situations will be addressed.
- **Transportation:** Companies outside New York City are responsible for providing transportation to and from their offices daily as well as aiding in the student's temporary relocation. Companies specific situations will be addressed.
- **Stipends:** Companies are responsible for the interns' stipend of \$20/hour or \$800 per week.
- **Commitment:** Company representatives must be prepared to make a decision about accepting an intern by the end of the portfolio review meeting.
- **Evaluations:** At the end of internships, two evaluation forms will be sent to the intern's supervisors to provide feedback regarding performance. These forms are to be filled out and returned as they are essential for determining the interns' grades.

The program is a **full time position of eight to ten weeks** beginning **Monday, June 1** and ending by **Friday, August 7, 2026**. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Damian Mucaro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a stylized "Mucaro".

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