

# BENEFITS

The skills and experience that you gain as a student employee will transfer to your employment after graduation even if your student position is not directly related to your future career. Therefore, no matter where you work or what responsibilities you're given, there is a huge benefit to working on campus in an environment that puts learning first.

*“My experience working at GVSU has been incredibly positive, and my job has had a significant impact on my overall experience here. One of the primary ways my job has impacted me is by helping me to build a strong network across various departments and with different individuals which has been beneficial for my professional and personal growth.” – Saheli Sen (Student employee, 2023)*

## BENEFITS OF WORKING ON CAMPUS

### Flexibility

Working in between classes gives you the ability to pick up smaller shifts throughout the week and more easily manage your class and work schedules.

Working in the same building or on the same campus as your classes makes getting to and from your job quick and easy – especially if you're employed in the same department as your classes.

### Understanding

Supervisors know that you are a student first and that your classes will take priority, especially during exam week. They'll work with you to create a schedule that fits around your classes and won't overlap with important class work.

Working on campus means working with people who know that your education is your primary reason for being here.

## **Mentorship**

Your supervisors are here to provide the resources and training you need to succeed in your professional career. Their goal is to prepare you for your future career after graduation and their hope is that you find employment you thrive in.

## **Focus on Growth**

Working in an environment whose goal is to help you succeed in your next career is incredibly beneficial. Your supervisor knows that your student position is, most likely, not your lifelong career goal. They'll work with you to learn valuable skills that will help you gain employment after graduation.

## **Recommendations and References**

Working closely with faculty and staff is a great opportunity to network and meet people who can help you find a job after graduation. They can also be listed as references on your resume when applying for jobs.

Working side by side with a professional will give them the opportunity to learn your skills and qualifications and provide you with a meaningful letter of recommendation.

## **Cross Training**

Learning skills related to your major gives you a step up from your competition after graduation and provides you with hands on experience in your field.

# **WHAT YOU'LL LEARN**

Even if your job on campus doesn't directly relate to your major or career after graduation, there are still valuable skills to learn throughout your employment. These are skills that will be needed no matter what job you're hired into.

- Accountability
- Dependability
- Responsibility
- Time management
- How to work with others
- Communication
- Organization