

Kitsap Economic Development Alliance (KEDA)

Kitsap County, Washington

Internship Program Summer 2026

Position: Economic Development Intern

Reports to: Economic Development Principal

Desired Qualifications:

- Current enrollment in a Bachelor's or Master's program (Economics, Finance, Business Administration, Public Policy, or related)
- Strong analytical skills and proficiency in Microsoft Excel
- Excellent written and verbal communication
- A passion for community growth

Why Kitsap

Kitsap County offers a unique economic landscape, blending a massive federal defense presence with a burgeoning tech sector and a robust maritime tradition. Interning here isn't just about spreadsheets; it's about seeing how those numbers translate into jobs and quality of life for our neighbors.

Internship Overview

This internship provides a hands-on view of how economics, finance, and business strategy intersect to support Kitsap County communities.

- **Duration:** 8 Weeks (during the period of June 1 – August 31, 2026)
- **Schedule:** 20 hours per week
- **Stipend:** \$20.00 per hour
- **Location:** Hybrid (KEDA Office in Silverdale and Remote/Field Work)

The 8-Week Roadmap

The internship is structured to provide a 360-degree view of economic development.

Key Activities

Orientation & Data

Introduction to Kitsap's economic profile; including data sources.

Business Retention

Accompanying Project Managers on site visits to local manufacturers and other firms.

Special Projects

Deep dive into a specific sector (e.g., Maritime, Defense, or Utilities).

Marketing & Outreach

Assisting with One Kitsap plan.

Capstone Presentation

Presenting research finding or project report to the KEDA Board or other group.

Capstone topics could include one of the following:

Infrastructure Optimization Program (SIOP) at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

- The Project: The intern will cross-reference the Navy's projected procurement needs with KEDA's database of local industrial and tech firms.

2026 World Cup Impact Study

- The Project: With Seattle hosting the FIFA World Cup in 2026, the Kitsap Peninsula is a primary "Fan Zone" and lodging overflow hub. Create an initial economic analysis of the impact of the June and July games / visitor spending.

Support the Kitsap Industrial Lands, Buildings and Infrastructure Survey (KILBIS).

- The Project: Create a presentation on the KILBIS Report

Military-to-Private Sector Workforce Pipeline

- The Project: Interview HR managers from Kitsap's Top 10 private employers to identify entry-level roles that match military skill sets.

Professional Conduct: As a representative of KEDA, intern will interact with CEOs, government officials, and business owners. Business casual attire is required for meetings; professional communication via email, phone and other methods is paramount.

How to Apply

Please email your resume, letter of interest, and brief writing sample by April 30, 2026 to court@kitsapeda.org.