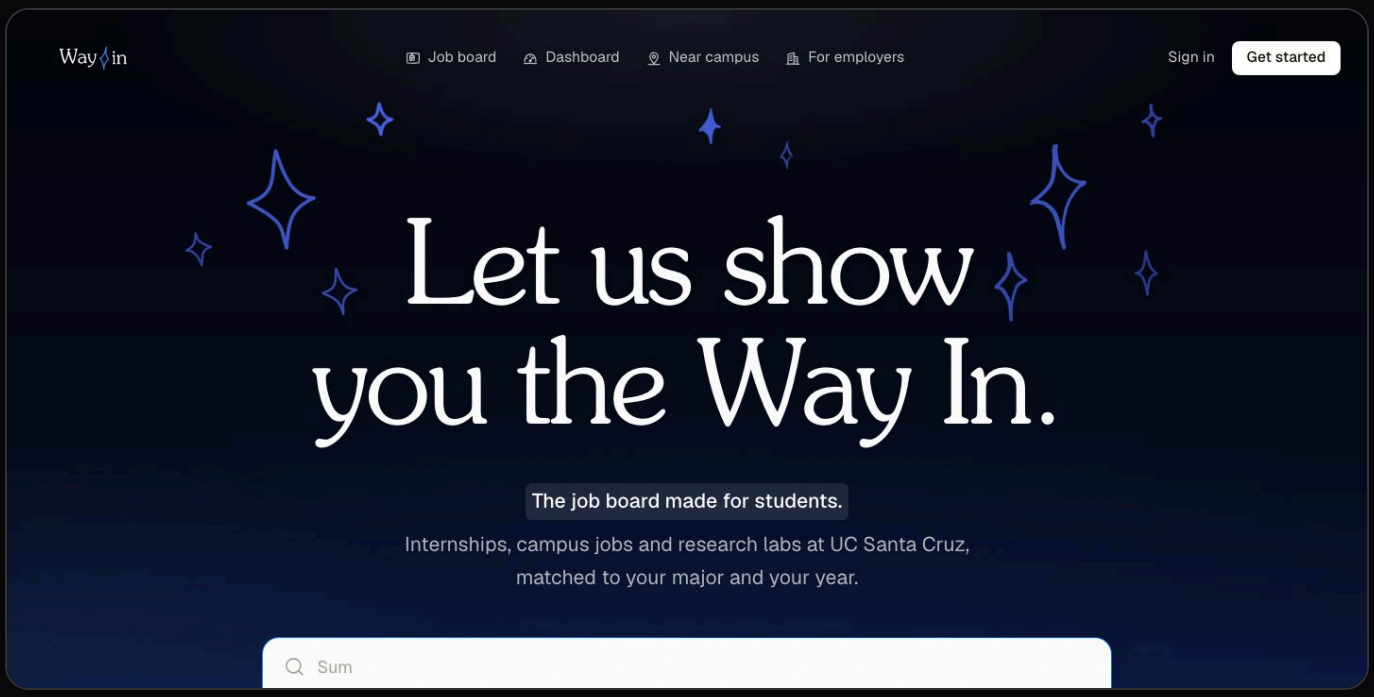
Way in

Project

A job board for students.

Way In gathers internships, campus jobs and research roles every morning, and shows each student which ones fit.

Built by	Disciplines	Started	Platforms	Live at
Seth Kelsey	Product, design and engineering	August 2026	Web and iPhone	joinwayin.com



Where it stands

Open roles

13,312

on the board, refreshed every morning

Employers

872

employers and labs in one place

Sources

6

read every morning

The problem

Why did it need to exist?

I built Way In since it was strenuous to find internships on other sites. The internships weren't there, or they weren't there on competitor sites. The UI wasn't interactive, and the amount of internships wasn't helpful.

This site's purpose is to fulfill that role for students, so it helps their job search, with automated updating.

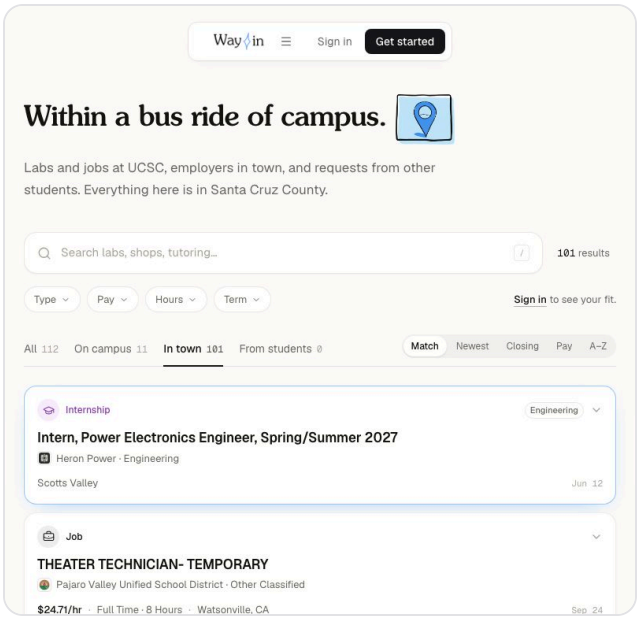
2,200

roles on six company career boards when I started

7

a sophomore could apply to

Finding those seven, and saying why each fits, became the product. Today the board holds 13,312 roles, each read against the student.



It wasn’t just me.

Most students start college planning on an internship. By senior year, fewer than half have had one.[1]

70% of first-year students expect to have one

48% of seniors have had one



What got in the way

Juniors and seniors at four-year colleges who hadn’t had an internship. More than one answer allowed.[2]

Heavy course load	58%
Applied but weren’t selected	38%
Few openings in their field Roles matched to their major	33%
Needed to keep their job	33%
Unsure how to find one Six sources on one board	28%
Pay was too low	25%
Transportation Roles within a bus ride	18%

A website can’t lighten a course load or raise anyone’s pay. Finding the roles that already exist, in your field and close to campus, is something I could build.

Closer to home

Internships pay off. Not everyone gets one.

University of California

Top 3

Of everything UC students did in college, internships were one of the three best predictors of their earnings after graduating.[3]

California

1 in 4

recent graduates of California's public universities had a paid internship.[4]

UC Santa Cruz

33%

of undergrads are first-generation.[5] Nationally, 41% of first-gen seniors have interned, against 55% of everyone else.[1]

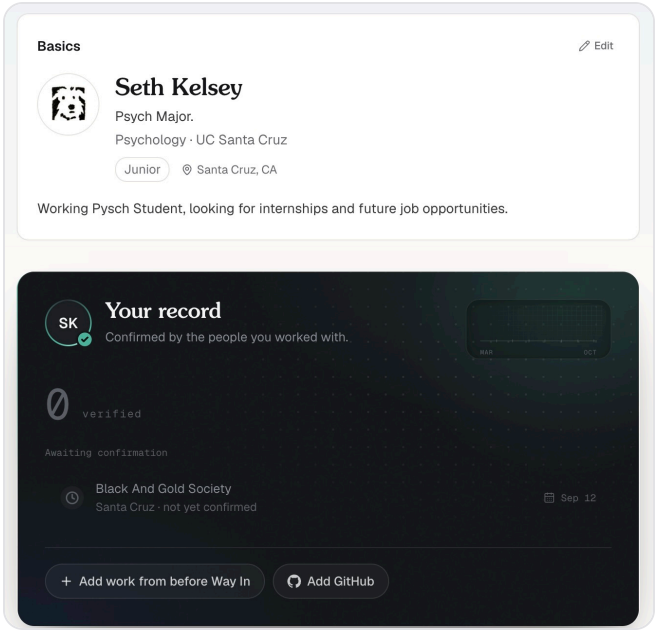
Way In can't create internships. It can make the ones out there easier to find, especially for students without a network to lean on.

How it works

How does it decide what fits?

Every role is scored against a student's major, skills and the hours they have.

A five-step profile sets that up: major and year, what they're open to, location, skills, and a resume.



The supply

Where the roles come from.

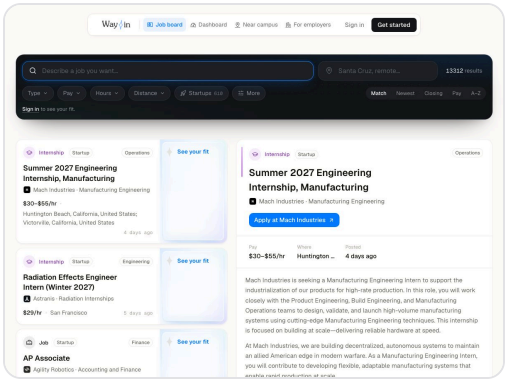
Open listings by kind

Internships	**8,681** 65%	
Jobs	**4,000** 30%	
Other opportunities	**631** 5%	

As of October 5, 2026. Read every morning from six sources, including Greenhouse, Workday, Ashby, SmartRecruiters and Lever. Every listing links to the original.

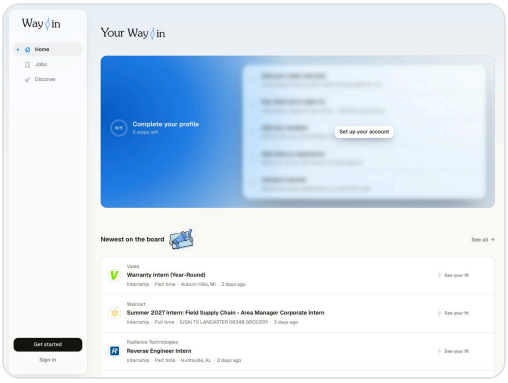
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What a student sees.



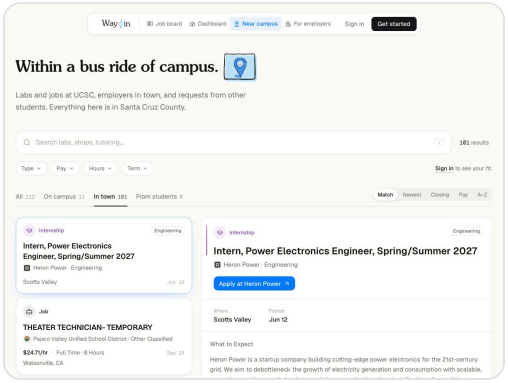
Job board /board

Every role is public, with filters for type, pay, hours and distance.



Dashboard /home

A five-step profile, then the newest roles on the board, already matched to it.



Near campus /local

Labs, local employers and student requests, all in Santa Cruz County.



About /about

Built by one student. No ads, no tracking.

Who it's for

Students

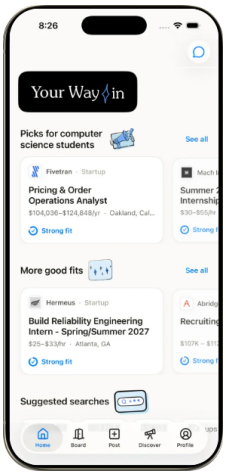
- Browse without an account
- See why each role fits
- Track saved and applied

Employers

- Post a role free, in two minutes
- A person approves every post
- Hiring inbox ranked by fit **Rolling out**

Under the hood

One pipeline.



A native iPhone app that shares the web's database and scoring.

1	**Read**	Six sources
2	**Filter**	What a student can reach
3	**Reconcile**	Open new, close vanished
4	**Serve**	Web and iPhone

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