

WORKING AT SPM IN LA GRANGE

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



CHICAGO LIVING

Nothing beats summer in Chicago! During the internship program, living downtown is an exciting and feasible option. Though SPM does not provide housing reimbursement, we do recommend a variety of summer housing options that have proven successful for past interns:

- **Student Summer Housing** - several of the colleges downtown lease out their student housing over the summer. Typically located in the South Loop, apartments are furnished, and most leases are weekly and affordable.
 - [University Center](#)
 - [Dwight Lofts](#)
 - [Infinite Chicago](#)
 - [The Buckingham](#)
- **Air BnB** - throughout Chicago and its northern neighborhoods, people everywhere are renting out their apartments through Air BnB. For extended reservations (1-3 months), there are even significant discounts offered.

COMMUTE OPTIONS

Chicago has no shortage of transportation options! Depending on which neighborhood you live in, we can help you determine the best route.

- **Living in the South Loop** - this location is an easy and energizing commute in the summer. From the South Loop, walking to Union Station is a <20 minute walk. From there, there's a Metra train ([BNSF line](#)) that brings you a block away from our office in La Grange. Total commute time is roughly 50 minutes.
- **Living in Chicago's neighborhoods** - (Lincoln Park, Lakeview, Wicker Park, etc.) from here, you can determine your best "[L](#)" route to get to Union Station. For example, you might walk to your nearest station, take the Brown Line to the Quincy stop, and then walk 5 minutes to Union Station from there. Alternatively, many of our employees that live in this area simply drive. Depending on your East/West location, you'll take either Lake Shore Drive or I-90 to get on I-55 to La Grange. Total commute time to drive is roughly 40-50 minutes.
- **Living in Chicago's suburbs** - we always have interns too that are from the Chicago suburbs and simply move back home after graduation. It is easy to train or drive from surrounding suburbs. Total commute time is roughly 10-30 minutes.

MEET LAGRANGE

Located 15 miles West of Chicago, La Grange's downtown is full of character. There is an incredible assortment of restaurants and shops, and SPM employees are regulars everywhere. Walkable lunch options are endless, in every variety you can think of. There is also a very conveniently located Starbucks across the street from our office. And happy hours aren't hard to come by either. Check out the video on our Careers page to help paint a picture of our version of "Suburbia".

