

Film internship program launched

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Arranging internship programs in the film industry has often been difficult because of the large number of American productions, according to Capilano College film centre manager Bill Thumm. “A great deal of the production that goes on in Vancouver is non–Vancouver-based,” Thumm said by phone, adding that U.S. studios “don’t have any particular stake in offering or participating in internship programs”.

Vancouver-based Brightlight Pictures and Capilano College film centre announced on May 12 that they’re starting an unpaid internship program on a trial run this summer. Thumm noted that Brightlight principal Shawn Williamson is on the Capilano College film centre advisory committee.

Four interns will be selected to work in the areas of development, physical production, costumes, and postproduction. Two interns have already been chosen: Cam Glegg in postproduction and Kyle Sandilands in development.

Thumm said this program fits into the interest of all involved to “continue to broaden the base of domestic production and become increasingly less reliant on foreign production”.