Five Ohio State staff members with interest in higher education administration have been selected to participate in the University's Administrative Internship Program this year.

The participants will serve three- to six-month internships within the University in administrative areas of interest to them.

The program, conducted by the Office of Affirmative Action, is designed to develop the participants' administrative skills, to focus on their career goals and to provide management skills that will make them more promotable. It was developed in 1983 through a University Affirmative Action grant.

This year's participants include:

- Normand Caban, academic coordinator in the Office of Minority Affairs. His first choice is to intern in international affairs.
- Elaine Edgar, academic adviser in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. Her first choice is to intern in academic administration.
- Grace Franklin, assistant director of Mershon Center. Her first choice is to intern in legislative affairs.

- Patricia Rechel, assistant to the dean for marketing and communications, College of the Arts. Her first choice is to intern in financial management.
- Kathleen Wyatt, director of the Office of Special Events. Wyatt has been accepted to serve an internship with Michael Covert, executive director of University Hospitals.

The Office of Affirmative Action is working to place the other four participants in appropriate University departments, says Laura Palko, staff assistant.

Each of the participants will be matched with an executive administrator who will help the intern design an individualized, project-oriented program.

The participants were selected from among 14 applicants by an 11-member committee consisting of University administrators and former program interns.

The Administrative Internship Program is open to full-time administrative and professional staff who have worked at the University for at least three years.