



OU in Arezzo INTERNSHIPS

Exploring the OUA path to an International Student Internship

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SETTING

The Italian Job



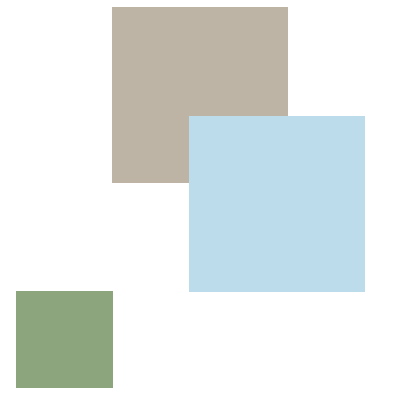
- *OU IN AREZZO* - study abroad program based in Arezzo since 2011
- *AREZZO* - medium-sized town in Tuscany known for its manufacturing base
- *OUR GOAL* - to build a high-impact learning experience in the professional Italian world

STRUCTURE

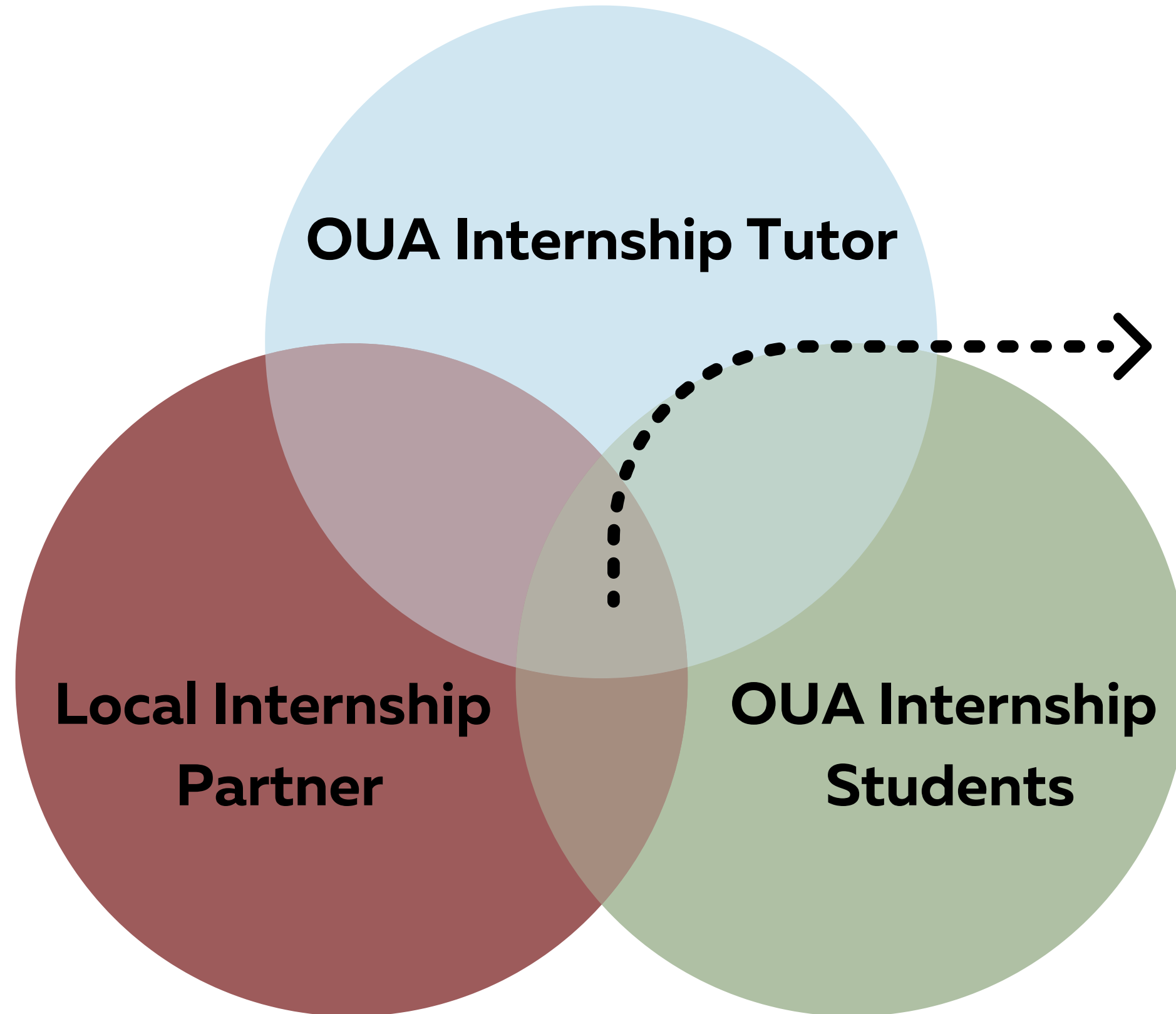
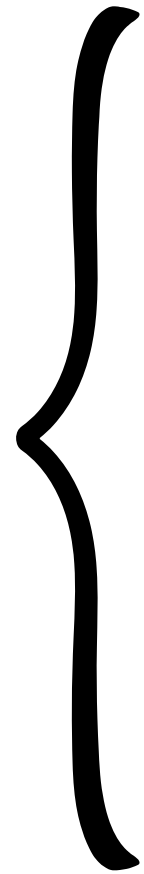
THE PROJECT IN A NUTSHELL

- **PREPARATION** - promote, inform and manage expectations
- **ON SITE PROCESSES** - orientation, project definition, supervision
- **LEARNING** - blog reflections and in-class discussions
- **OUTCOMES** - final presentation and post-evaluation survey

CHARACTERS



KEY PLAYERS



**CULTURAL
MEDIATION**

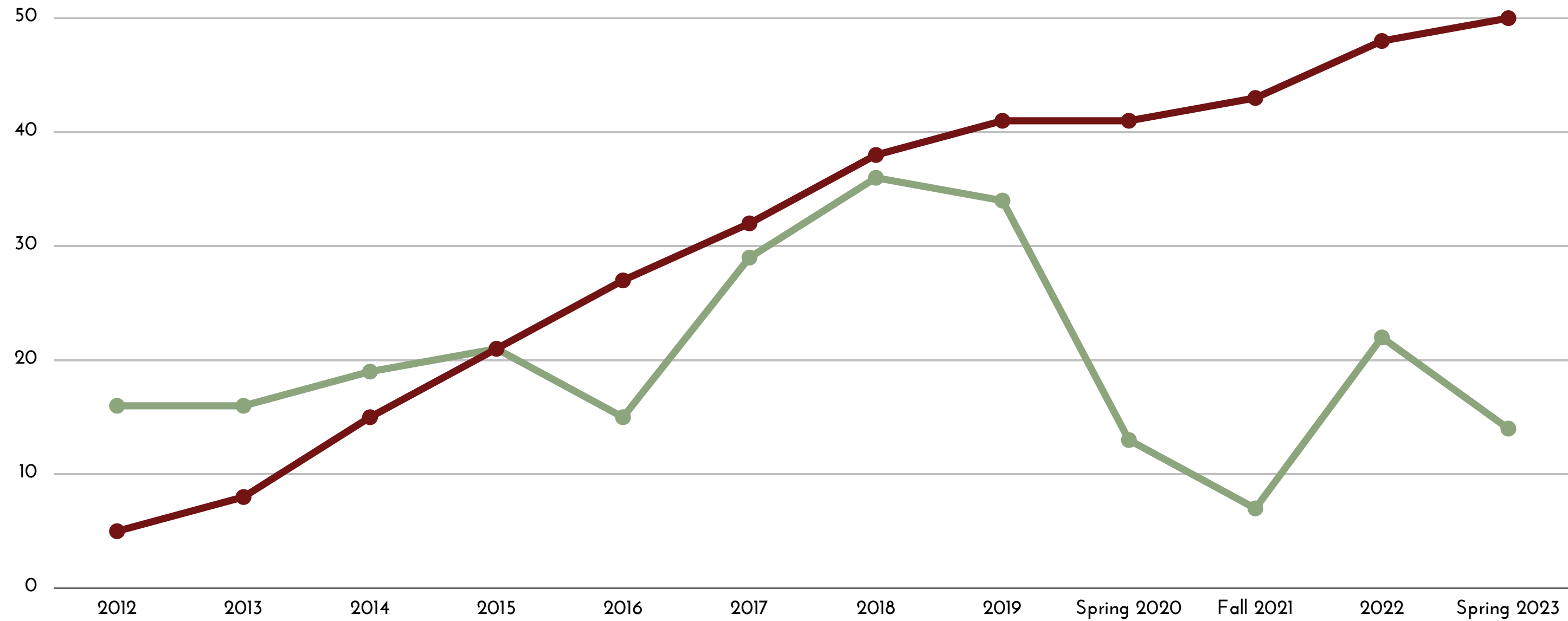
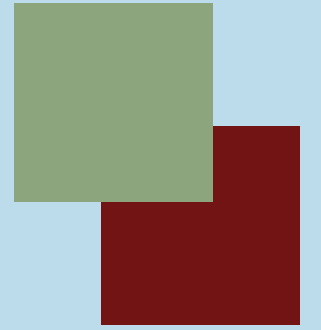
THE INTERNSHIP TUTOR

- Local employee knowledgeable of territory and culture.
- Competent bilingual speaker and cultural mediator.
- Capable of bridging the gap on both sides
- Facilitates dialogue and motivates learning



GROWTH

SUPPLY AND DEMAND



Students doing internships per AY



Host companies offering internships per AY

NUMBERS

SINCE 2012

240

INTERNSHIPS
COMPLETED

50

INTERNSHIP
PARTNERSHIPS

10

FIELDS OF
INTEREST

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA IN AREZZO INTERNSHIP DIRECTORY

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EDUCATION

Opportunities are available with high schools, junior schools, language schools, universities and youth centers.

MUSEUMS

Explore these opportunities in some of Arezzo's most fascinating museums.

ARTS AND EVENTS MANAGEMENT

Jump into the world of art and events: understand the art market and how to run an event.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Get a placement at the Arezzo Town Council, opportunities in International Relations, EU projects, planning and tourism.

CHARITIES AND NON PROFIT

Work for a good cause: sustainable development, human rights, social work and immigration.

THE LEGAL PROFESSIONS

See how lawyers work and interact in a busy legal practice: financial, commercial and international law.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRIES

Industry experience in off-grid energy solutions, civil engineering, information technology and software development.

HEALTH SCIENCES

Delve into medical sciences and wellness practices in Arezzo's best health centers.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Gain experience in food handling, food production, customer service and marketing.

THE FASHION INDUSTRY

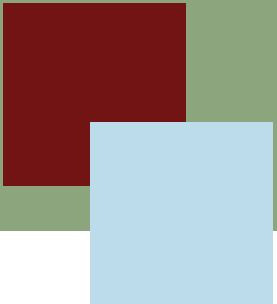
Openings available with boutique fashion stores, Made in Italy retail and fashion media.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Get to work with a local business consultant and learn the ins and outs of international accounting.

CHALLENGES

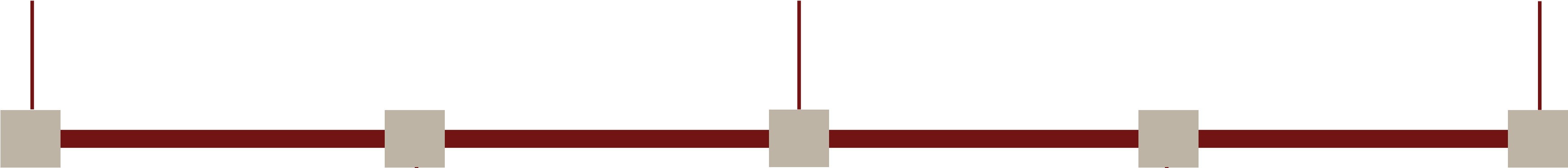
GLOBAL VERSUS LOCAL



Language
Barrier

Organizational
structures

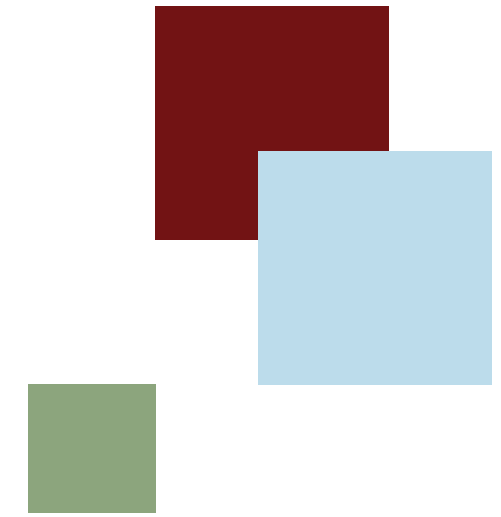
Autonomy
vs Support



Cultural
competency

Effectiveness

TOOLS FOR SUCCESS



	INPUT
PLANNING	Identify strategies for each of the specific phases
GUIDANCE	Manage expectations and enhance performance
REFLECTION	Embedded into the syllabus and assignments
DIALOGUE	Create opportunities for continuous feedback and learning
MEDIATION	Smooth the hard edges and find the middle ground

RESOLUTION

**"Comfortable
with being
uncomfortable"**

QUESTIONS FOR THE FUTURE



DIVERSIFICATION

- Remote internships
- Summer internships



SPECIFICITY

- Law internships
- Paid internships



ACADEMIC PERSPECTIVE

- Long term internships
- Research/Graduate internships