This Spring practicum provides an opportunity for exposure to faculty life as well as an up close understanding of how the Student Affairs profession recruits and selects its future practitioners. The early half of the semester (Jan to Mar), the practicum student will be working closely with the HESA faculty to process applications and facilitate the decision making as to who is issued invitations to come to campus to interview. During this time period, the HESA academic practicum student also works closely with the practicum student working with Dr. Patience Whitworth for the Assistantship recruitment and selection process. As such, this HESA Academic practicum post gives a HESA student a complex view of the various factors contributing to an applicant’s success in the admission and selection process.

Other interesting projects include planning for the interview weekends in February (hosting academic overview presentations, panel presentations by current students and University staff). Practicum students enjoy the opportunity to work closely with peers, HESA faculty, and partners in the Division of Student Affairs in seeing the admission and recruitment process brought to completion.

March and April provide opportunities for the Academic program practicum to work with faculty in preparation of the spring national conferences and hospitality events with alumni. The practicum student is given the option to learn more about faculty life by participating in college faculty meetings, Faculty Senate meetings and the spring Board of Trustees meeting. The student would have access to faculty to learn more about faculty career paths and preparation for a career in the professoriate.