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WEISER CENTER FOR REAL ESTATE
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Newsletter



Last Call for Sign-Ups!

2026 Future of Real Estate Competition Strategic Shift – The CRE Turnaround Challenge

In 2026, the “Office Apocalypse” enters its next chapter—**The Great Repurposing**. Back for its fourth year, the **Future of Real Estate Competition** challenges students to take on this pivotal moment in the market with bold ideas and fresh perspectives. This year, **teams will reimagine a distressed office property as a vibrant residential living space**, developing solutions that balance visionary design with real-world financial feasibility. Designed to bridge architectural creativity with practical investment analysis, teams of **3–5 multidisciplinary students** will renovate the asset and present their proposal to a panel of esteemed industry judges.

With **\$25,000 in total prize money** on the line, this year’s competition offers one of the most exciting opportunities of the year to showcase your skills, gain real-world experience, and connect with leading professionals across the real estate industry.

In addition to the case challenge, participants will have the opportunity to attend an **optional in-person local site visit** after the case release, providing valuable, on-the-ground insight into the property and its surrounding market.

Interested in participating but don’t have a team yet? Complete the **Interest Form** below, and the Weiser Center for Real Estate will help connect you with other students looking for teammates, so you can form a competition group.

The competition case will be released the morning of Wednesday, March 25, 2026, via the Weiser Center for Real Estate website, and all teams must be fully registered by 11:59 PM EST on Thursday, March 26, 2026 to participate.

[Interest Form](#)

[Register Your Team](#)

[Visit the Website](#)

Looking to round out your team? Visit the **Participant Connection Page** to view a list of students who have expressed interest in the competition and are looking for teammates. This is a great way to meet students from different programs, build a multidisciplinary team, and ensure your group is ready to compete.

[Participant Connection Page](#)



Monroe Brown CRE Modeling Challenge

Join the challenge and receive your **GetREFM Cert** today!

Weiser Center has launched a new **rolling challenge** designed to strengthen your financial modeling skills, build confidence, and connect you with industry professionals. Participants will **complete the GetREFM Certification**, apply those skills in a real-world case study, and take part in a mock interview with an alumni advisor. Along the way, you'll earn a Michigan-branded gift after Step 1 and receive an invitation to an exclusive dinner with alumni and peers upon completing the full challenge. You can start at any time, but all steps must be completed by August 1, 2026.

[Find More Info Here](#)

[Begin the Challenge](#)



Internship Scholarship Program Spring/Summer 2026 Applications Now Open!

This Spring/Summer 2026, we are offering two scholarship funds for housing, travel, and other related expenses to support eligible students who have secured real estate internships and need financial assistance.

We believe that the cost of living and travel should never be a barrier to pursuing meaningful real estate opportunities. These scholarships are designed to help you focus on gaining valuable, hands-on experience without the added financial stress.

Applications Due By: Wednesday, April 1st, 2026 at 5PM EST

[Find More Info Here](#)

[Apply Here](#)

Study Real Estate

Important Info for Potential Real Estate Students.

Sign Up is still **OPEN!**

You can still take approved real estate courses before declaring the minor, and then count them toward your program requirements later. That means you can start exploring real estate courses now, even if you haven't officially declared yet!

[Find out more information regarding the RE minor, available courses, and minor policies](#)

[Real Estate Development Minor Declaration Request Form](#)

**This Week at
The Bobby and Rochelle
Finvarb Speaker Series**

WEISER CENTER FOR REAL ESTATE PRESENTS:

**NIL IN FOCUS
A CONVERSATION WITH
NATE FORBES**

Thurs. March 26th | 1PM EST

**Robertson Auditorium
Ross School of Business**

Nathan Forbes is the managing partner of The Forbes Company, a nationally recognized

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ability to redefine retail in a marketplace through retail innovation, fashion leadership, distinctive architecture and luxury appointments.

In 2005, Forbes was part of an investor group that acquired the Cleveland Cavaliers basketball club of the National Basketball Association. Forbes served as its Vice-Chairman and Board of Governor when the Cavaliers brought Cleveland its first championship in 52 years.

He was a founding partner of JACK Entertainment LLC, a portfolio of gaming and entertainment offerings that included JACK Cleveland Casino, JACK Thistledown Racino, JACK Cincinnati Casino, Horseshoe Casino Baltimore and Greektown Casino-Hotel in Detroit.

Forbes earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan and serves as a Co-Chair for the Look to Michigan \$7B Capital Campaign. Forbes and the company's respective properties are actively involved in numerous charitable endeavors and organizations. Forbes is honored to serve on the College for Creative Studies Board of Trustees.

Forbes founded The Detroit Shoppe, a 501(c) 3 that supports Detroit charities. To date, approximately \$5 million dollars have been donated to organizations that support the people in the city of Detroit.

Internships & Job Opportunities

Students, still searching for a **Summer 2026 internship? It's not too late.** While recruiting has concluded at some larger firms, many companies across the country are **still actively seeking talented students** eager to advance their real estate careers. Over the past few months, the Weiser Center Advisory Board committee has continued working to connect Michigan students with meaningful internship opportunities that align with their interests and career goals.

Linked below is a **list of companies that have directly contacted us** regarding their internship hiring needs. Some of these roles may have already been filled, but we encourage you to use this list as a starting point; explore these firms and others in similar fields through LinkedIn, company websites, and your personal network, as many organizations are still hiring on a rolling basis.

Please know that **opportunities are still out there**, and the Weiser Center remains committed to doing everything we can to connect students with employers across the country who are looking for Michigan talent. If you are still seeking an internship, help us help you - **update your résumé, thoughtfully complete the Interest Form below, and we will continue working to match you with opportunities that best fit your goals.**

To Find More Internship Opportunities, Click the Link Below

[Internship Opportunities March 2026](#)

2026 Real Estate Internship

Student Interest Form

Students, still searching for a Summer 2026 internship? It's not too late! While recruitment has wrapped up at some large firms, many companies across the country are still seeking talented students eager to grow their real estate careers. To support you, the Weiser Center Advisory Board has formed a committee dedicated to connecting Michigan students with internship opportunities that align with your career goals. As we engage with employers

2026 Real Estate Summer Internship Catalog

Have you accepted a summer internship for 2026? Please help the Weiser Center for Real Estate track and promote you and your opportunity. It's a great way to showcase your success and help your peers. We have an active

looking to hire Michigan talent, we're here to help match you with the right opportunity. Help us help you —update your résumé, thoughtfully complete the form below, and we'll work to connect you with an employer in need of an intern. For questions, please contact us at um.realestate@umich.edu.

[Complete the Form Here](#)

alumni committee dedicated to fostering relationships that lead to internships and job opportunities for graduating Wolverines. This data will be extremely helpful in tracking progress areas to build relationships and know where to drive new relationships. We appreciate your help!

[Complete the Form Here](#)



Karney Properties
Asset Management Internship
Santa Monica, CA

[Find Out More Info Here](#)

To Apply, please email Nathan Tabib directly at nathan_tabib@karney.net



Beal Real Estate
Summer 2026 Internships
Ypsilanti, MI

[Find Out More Info Here](#)

To Apply, please email Ciara@gobeal.com directly with a brief statement of interest, why you would be a good fit for the role, your resume, and your available schedule.

2026 CREW Scholarship Applications Now Available

A scholarship opportunity for female students pursuing commercial real estate careers

[Find Out More](#)

[Apply](#)

Meet the Real Estate Clubs of U-M

Click on the images below to visit the club websites



Women in Real Estate Club



Michigan Real Estate Club



The Michigan Real Estate Fund



Rho Epsilon Iota

Weiser Center for Real Estate

NYC Real Estate Alumni Networking Event

May 7, 2026

5:30PM - 8:30PM | 50 Hudson Yards

[RSVP Here](#)

Upcoming Events 2026

Pre-RECON Networking Event

September 24, 2026

Time | Location TBD

[Add to Your Calendar](#)

Real Estate Conference 2026

September 25, 2026

Location TBD

[Add to Your Calendar](#)

2nd Annual Leaders & Best REIT Challenge

September 30, 2026

The Big House

[Add to Your Calendar](#)



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