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Major: Agribusiness and Applied Economics

Job Title: College Intern - Markets Division

Company: Ohio Department of Agriculture

**How did you find your internship?**

I obtained my internship through a referral from a classmate who was an intern there.

What is your favorite part of the internship?

One of my favorite parts of my internship was getting to meet and work with lots of companies who are members of the Ohio Proud Program. This program works to help highlight the food agriculture products that are at least 50% raised, grown, or processed in Ohio. My second favorite part of my internship was working in the Agriculture is Cool tent at The Ohio State Fair. The tent provided various activities to teach the public about different topics in agriculture.

How has your coursework prepared you for this internship?

During my first semester at Ohio State I had a course called Personal Selling. This class was beneficial for my internship because I had to make a lot of cold calls to companies trying to get them to join the program. Since I had this course I feel like it was easier for me to complete this part of my internship.

How has the internship helped you prepare for your future career?

This internship has helped prepare me for my future career by providing me the opportunity to experience what it is like to work for the state government. I have gained a better understanding of how agencies within state government operate and the policies and procedures that must be followed on a daily basis. This internship has allowed me to meet lots of people in my field and will help strengthen my resume when I begin my job search following graduation in December.

What are one or two tips you would give students seeking an internship?

One tip I have is to apply for as many internships as you can even if you do not think you are the type of candidate they are looking for. I was not sure I would get chosen for this internship, but I did and I realized that I needed to have more confidence in myself.

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