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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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FORREST LANG

Major: Agricultural Systems Management

Job Title: Operations Management Intern

Company: Archer Daniels Midland (ADM)

Location: Galveston, Texas



How did you find your internship?

I found my internship through an industry representative we had speak at an ASM Club meeting. I followed up with the rep at the career expo in the fall and landed an interview the same night at the expo.

What is your favorite part of the internship?

Getting to drive a train was definitely my highlight. Overall, I really enjoyed how much hands-on work I got to do within the facility. I also got to come up with a couple cost savings projects which were fun because I was able to research ways to save the facility money.

How has your coursework prepared you for this internship?

All of my machinery courses helped prepare me for the work I did with the maintenance department. However, the communications and business management courses helped me work with various levels of people throughout the facility and develop strong working relationships.

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

This internship has expanded my experience and knowledge in the agricultural industry. It allowed me to move to a different state and see a side of agriculture many people in the Midwest do not get to see. It has also lead to another internship which again provides me the opportunity to learn about something that doesn't occur in the Midwest. I will be working in Georgia at a peanut processing and harvesting facility.

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

The biggest tip I have is to move out of state. The majority of companies pay housing and cover travel costs so it is like a free vacation in a sense. Go somewhere that offers experiences unique to that region that you can't find at home. My second piece of advice is be confident but don't be cocky. Show up willing to learn something new each day. Even if you already know how to do something, you may learn a new way that is more efficient or easier. Take a new piece of knowledge home each day with you.



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JACKIE ALTSCHULER

Major: Environment, Economy, Development and Sustainability

Job Title: Global Innovation Challenge Intern

Company: Louis Berger (now WSP)



How did you find your internship?

I found it online, searching through job sites like Indeed and LinkedIn.

What is your favorite part of the internship?

I enjoyed how much people in the company were willing to work with me and my internship team. We were located in the Denver office and had a couple mentors there, but were connected with many different resources throughout their other office locations to help work on our project. Natural disaster debris management and recycling experts within Louis Berger were happy to share their knowledge with us and I felt very welcome and encouraged within the Louis Berger company.

How has your coursework prepared you for this internship?

A big component of this internship was research. Throughout college, I had the opportunity to do many research projects and these skills translated well to the work here. Also, I was in charge of created a cost-benefit analysis for our project, which is a skill that I learned in my AEDECON 4330 course as well as other EEDS courses.

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

This internship allowed me to learn how to use and apply my course work to a real project. Also, this allowed to to make many different contacts within the industry. I have used my mentors for this internship as references on job applications, and still reach out to them to give them updates about my current job search. Lastly, in a majority of interviews, past internships are a great talking point.

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

Apply to as many opportunities as you can. As an EEDS major, there is no perfect internship, so don't be afraid to apply to jobs you don't think you are qualified for. Also, don't be discouraged when you don't find an internship right off the bat. I had to apply to more than I could count, but with perseverance, I was able to find this amazing opportunity.



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JOHN FISCHER

Major: Agribusiness and Applied Economics

Job Title: Loan Officer Intern

Company: Ag Credit

**How did you find your internship?**

I found my internship in November through the Indeed job search. Dr. Neil Drobny also sent the job listing out to his Sustainability in Business Industry Immersion class.

What is your favorite part of the internship?

Being able to interact with customers and be a part of such a great company.

How has your coursework prepared you for this internship?

I surprisingly used many skills I learned in Accounting, Farm Business Management, Marketing, Finance, and Management on my very first day.

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

Though I am not working with the same company, I will be working in a similar role performing many of the same tasks I completed as an Intern.

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

Never give up! I accepted the offer for this internship the very last week of the spring semester. I had applied for over 70 internships with no luck. Though I loved this experience, sometimes you have to accept a position you may not necessarily want but be willing to learn a lot through the process.

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LINDSAY DAVIS

Major: Food Business Management

Job Title: Corporate Quality Assurance Intern

Company: The JM Smucker Company (Smucker's)

How did you find your internship?

I received an invitation to a career fair specifically for Smucker's the fall of my Junior year. My major qualified me for an invitation and I went to the fair not sure what to expect. My previous internship had given me a taste of what a career in quality could be like and I was interested to see what it could look like in a larger company like Smucker's. After connecting well with the recruiter, I received an interview, and a little down the line, an internship offer!



What is your favorite part of the internship?

There was a lot that I really enjoyed during my summer at Smucker. However, I think my favorite part was how the full-time employees worked really hard to ensure that I felt like a true part of their team and not 'just an intern'. The work that I did really made a difference in the company, and to be trusted with that kind of work was incredible. I also really enjoyed the intern events they put on, and the connections I made with not only other interns, but also full-time employees.

How has your coursework prepared you for this internship?

My coursework really helped give me the foundation I needed to understand the work I was completing in the quality department. My classes gave me the terminology knowledge and background I needed, as well as the ability to adapt and learn throughout the duration of my internship.

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

My internship helped prepare me for my career because it helped me to learn how to adapt and work in a fast paced work environment. It also gave me experience working with a large company and gave me work experience with a wide variety of projects and people. Additionally, it helped me to learn that I loved production facilities and how they work. Finally, my internship led me right to my future career! Upon completion I was offered and accepted a full-time position with Smucker's and am now living in Longmont Colorado, starting a position in a production facility making Uncrustables!

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

It's never too early to get an internship. Start looking as soon as you can, and don't get discouraged. Sometimes the best opportunities come from unexpected places! Finally, use your connections where you can, and never underestimate the power of networking. Once you land that internship, it's important to do your best, and network with the professionals when you can as they can be EXTREMELY beneficial during and after your internship.



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MEGAN GILROY

Major: Environment, Economy, Development and Sustainability

Job Title: Energy Intern

Company: Edison Energy (Dublin, Ohio)



How did you find your internship?

I found my internship at the at the CFAES career fair in 2018.

What is your favorite part of the internship?

I liked working at a small company because I got to easily get my toes wet in several areas of the business. Though I worked in the Integrated Services department, I was also interested in learning about energy purchasing and scheduling, as well as international relations. I built relationships with people working in all departments and felt comfortable asking people if I could shadow some of their daily tasks every so often. Everyone there was so nice, and I felt like I learned A LOT about the energy industry!

How has your coursework prepared you for this internship?

My internship was very different than any of my coursework. I had taken a geology course about energy as an elective which covered the surface of the energy industry, but my internship gave me a much deeper dive. My SENR courses that strengthened my Excel and other computer skills were also helpful.

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

I totally fell in love with the energy industry! I am currently full-time job hunting and focusing in on working in energy. I especially liked the parts of my internship regarding renewable energy.

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

1. Go the extra mile to show that you're interested! I sent an email to the company's email address on their website a few days before the career fair saying that I was excited to meet them and expressed interest in working there, and I had an interview scheduled before meeting in person at the career fair.
2. Research companies before going to career fairs and narrow in on a few to talk to.



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LOGAN WOODYARD

Major: Agribusiness and Applied Economics

Job Title: Medicaid Budget Intern: Econometrics and Forecasting

Company: The Ohio Department of Medicaid

**How did you find your internship?**

During the summer of 2018, my advisor Katie Miller, attached an opportunity for an internship in an email to all AEDE students through the State of Ohio Medicaid Department. As it turns out, the Medicaid Chief Economist is a graduate of CFAES so the alumni connection was in my favor. I had a flexible class schedule and I was able to complete my internship hours during the school year!

What is your favorite part of the internship?

From policy and project management to budgeting, I really enjoy seeing all the moving pieces of the Medicaid program. One meeting in particular, I was able to brainstorm with healthcare professionals as they laid out a new plan to support rehabilitation services for pregnant women with Opioid Use Disorder. Little did I know that it would be the start of big project supported by Governor Mike DeWine and make headway for new ways to tackle the Opioid Crisis in Ohio!

How has your coursework prepared you for this internship?

The coursework that I rely upon heavily in my internship include most of my economics and mathematics classes. AEDECON Statistics 2005, MATH 1131, and AEDECON Econometrics 4002.01 are classes I referenced often for using statistical methods and analysis.

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

Although the healthcare industry operates much differently than the agriculture industry, I have gained skills and knowledge with Medicaid that I could not have found anywhere else. I was able to thrive in an environment with generational gaps, and use real data to analyze, predict, and measure outcomes. Lastly I have become comprehensive in my ability to read and understand legal language.

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

I advise students to check emails from the college and those from our advisor. Often, these opportunities are not found anywhere else and employers are directly reaching out to CFAES to find bright and passionate students to hire like you!

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SEBASTIAN BOGGS

Major: Construction Systems Management

Job Title: Operations Intern

Company: Elford, Inc.

**How did you find your internship?**

I found my internship at the CSM career fair. I passed out my resume to several of the companies at the event and was fortunate enough to receive a call from Elford. After an interview they offered me a position with them and I have been with them for almost a year.

What is your favorite part of the internship?

My favorite part of the internship is the freedom I have to learn and grow. Elford has allowed me to take control of my own path and continuously grow my knowledge and relationships in the construction industry.

How has your coursework prepared you for this internship?

My course work has helped tremendously in preparing me for this internship. Without some academic background from courses in my program I would have a much more difficult time understanding the process of construction.

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

This internship has helped me prepare for a future in my career by teaching me valuable knowledge about the industry through experience. It has also helped me grow and develop my network professionally.

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

- 1.) Go to as many career fairs and networking events as possible. It is important to develop good and long lasting professional relationships.
- 2.) Show employers that you are interested and excited about the industry. In order to succeed it is essential to continuously learn throughout your career. Employers look for this interest and it may help you when interviewing for a position.

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MADELINE MOSES

Major: Environment, Economy, Development, and Sustainability - Business Specialization

Job Title: Corporate Sustainability Intern

Company: American Electric Power, Corporate Office



How did you find your internship?

I found my internship in November through the Indeed job search. Dr. Neil Drobny also sent the job listing out to his Sustainability in Business Industry Immersion class.

What is your favorite part of the internship?

I enjoy learning about the process of writing and editing the Corporate Accountability Report (the sustainability report) for AEP. It is encouraging to see individuals from across the company make a commitment to producing such a robust report.

How has your coursework prepared you for this internship?

I am currently in the Sustainability in Business Industry Immersion course taught by Dr. Neil Drobny. This course has prepared me for this internship because I learned about what sustainability in business looks like. Drobny taught me that work comes in projects and this is exactly what I have experienced at AEP. Through this course I also learned how to take on large projects and create a strategy to complete them accurately and on time.

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

This internship has helped me prepare for my future career because I have had the opportunity to experience what it is like to work for a large company and learn about the struggles they face. I am more educated about what companies have to disclose in order to comply with regulations and keep their stakeholder satisfied. This internship will also greatly build my resume and help me find a job once I graduate this December.

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

- 1) A major piece of advice I would give to other students is to apply for all jobs/internships that are of interest to them, even if they are highly sought after opportunities. I never thought I would be chosen for this opportunity, but I am very grateful for this experience and I learned that I need to give more credit to my abilities.
- 2) A second piece of advice is that executives are people too, and you should not be afraid to talk to very accomplished individuals. They are often very interested in what college students have to say and want to learn about potential future leaders.



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MICHAEL SCHMENK

Major: Agricultural Engineering

Job Title: Product Evaluation Technician

Company: Kuhn North America

How did you find your internship?

I found out about this internship from a fellow Agricultural Engineering student who worked the same opportunity the previous year. I researched Kuhn's co-op opportunities online and sent an email with my resume.

What is your favorite part of the internship?

My favorite part of the internship was the travel. Kuhn North America is based out of Brodhead, Wisconsin, but I spent most of my internship in the Southwest United States testing prototype equipment. I really enjoyed working with farmers to test the equipment and learning about how Agriculture in the Southwest differs from agriculture in the Midwest.

How has your coursework prepared you for this internship?

One way my coursework at OSU helped me with this internship was with technical report writing. Product evaluation work requires extensive and clear documentation in the form of technical reports. Several laboratory classes I have taken required writing reports which taught me what type of information and formatting is important to include in a quality report.

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

This internship helped me prepare for my future career by helping me decide if Agricultural equipment product development is an area of work I would like to do in the future. It also gave better insight into other possible job opportunities in the industry and a feeling for what it is like to work for a fairly large company. In addition, I will be able to apply the work experience to future jobs.

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

My first tip is do not be afraid to take a semester off to work and extend length internship. I worked for Kuhn full time for 7 months which in my opinion was well worth delaying my graduation. With an extended internship, you will be given much more responsibility and be able to complete much larger, more involved assignments because of the nature the extensive training that is required at the start of a new job. My second tip is do not be afraid to go out of your comfort zone. I initially did not want to leave Ohio for an extended time, but I ended up loving the new sights and experiences I encountered while traveling. I learned a lot about myself and the direction I would like to take my career in the future.



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