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### How would you describe your overall internship experience during your final year of faculty?

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I found that the internship experience at Accelsiors during my final year, was, on the one hand challenging, yet very motivating. Being included in the daily activities of the Business Development department has given me insight into the world of clinical trials, which amazed me from the very beginning. With all the support I received during the program, I've always felt a part of one big community, which encourages the growth and development of each individual.

### What were your main responsibilities during your internship, and how did they align with your expectations?

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My internship role included daily support to the members of the Business Development department, mainly through some administrative tasks such as clients' database updates, slide deck preparations, proposal reviews, and help with the conference preparations, but the task I found most interesting was the market analysis and search for the new potential clients.

I would say that being able to identify such biotech/pharma companies out of the whole industry and actually have an insight into the pharma market is the most valuable skill I've developed during my internship. The activities I've been assigned to, exceeded my expectations in many ways, since they got more and more serious as the program was wrapping up.





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### How did the internship help you develop new skills, both professionally and personally?

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Apart from giving me many professional skills, I would say that this program helped me grow as an individual, developing a huge variety of soft skills. Out of them all, the confidence in public speaking, effective communication, and critical thinking, are definitely the skills that I'm happy I had a chance to practice. They have prepared me for further roles within the industry.

### How did you manage the demands of your internship while keeping up with your final-year studies?

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As I've mentioned above, with the support of my department, during the internship, I've been given full flexibility and the possibility to align the workload with my university tasks. That being said, I often worked early in the morning, or later in the afternoon without any problem. In spite of the fact that it posed a challenge, time management during the program has also taught me to organize my time better and be more effective, which I also find crucial for further excellence in my career in general.

### What advice would you give to current students who are about to start their internship or who are looking for one?

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I would like to encourage anyone who may think they don't have enough time, skills or experience to enroll in the internship. Forget about it and apply! The program is so well designed that all such difficulties are overcome in no time, making you realize you are way more capable and valuable than you think.





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### **If you could go back and change one thing about your internship experience, what would it be?**

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Looking back, I wouldn't change a single thing. From gaining practical skills to understanding the inner workings of the industry, every moment has contributed to my personal and professional growth. I've learned the importance of teamwork, attention to detail, and how to adapt in a fast-paced environment. The challenges I faced and the support I received have shaped me into a more confident and capable professional.

