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

My internship experience was challenging, but at the same time, very inspiring. It was interesting to see how things function in practice and to have the opportunity to grow and develop alongside professionals in this field. The internship was an excellent way for me to step into something that I was unfamiliar with and gain a different kind of experience than what University offers. It broadened my perspective and gave me a deeper understanding of the practical side of the profession.

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

My role was primarily focused on assisting Regulatory Managers with document submissions in different countries. This involved helping prepare and submit documentation to the regulatory authorities for the approval of clinical trials.

I also collaborated with other departments to ensure the submission process was as smooth as possible, while maintaining accurate and up-to-date records of all regulatory submissions, approvals, and correspondence with the authorities.

This experience exceeded my expectations because we had the opportunity to make a real contribution, which I found to be incredibly rewarding and motivating for someone just starting their career.





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

I find that professional and personal aspects of life are greatly intertwined, so this helped me gain experience that is applicable to all aspects of life. The internship helped me gain a better understanding of everything this branch of the industry offers. By becoming more familiar with regulatory tasks and being in daily communication with highly skilled professionals, I had the opportunity to see their working methods, how they approach challenging tasks, and how they communicate. As a result, I improved my analytical thinking and decision-making skills, paid greater attention to detail, and became better at organizing my tasks, both in professional and personal aspects of life.

On a personal level, what stood out the most was stepping out of my comfort zone. I learned how to handle new and unfamiliar situations more effectively, which is valuable in every aspect of life. One of the most valuable lessons I learned was how to be better at handling the pressure while staying responsible and focused on the quality of my work, which is a skill that comes in handy on a daily basis.

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

Balancing an internship with final-year studies can be challenging, but with good organizational skills, it's achievable. I saw it like this: if I had already managed to pass all my exams and complete the required tasks for my studies until then, I was on solid ground in that area. That gave me the confidence and space to dive into something new, knowing it would ultimately be beneficial for both my personal and professional growth. There were definitely tough moments, but the sense of accomplishment I felt after a productive day motivated me for my studies, and the same applied the other way around. Planning and discipline go a long way.





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

First, make the most of every opportunity to learn. Don't worry about knowing everything at the start, just ask questions and absorb as much knowledge as you can. There comes a moment when every puzzle piece falls into its place, everything starts to make sense, and you can see the bigger picture. Internships are all about growth, so dive into new experiences with an open mind and have fun.

Also, be proactive - take initiative. Look for ways to contribute and get involved. This will help improve your self-confidence, while you are gaining invaluable experience.

Lastly, remember to network. Building relationships with your colleagues and mentors can make the experience more enjoyable and help you feel like part of the community, while also providing valuable insights and guidance. Most importantly, don't worry about making mistakes - it's a natural part of the process and often leads to a better version of yourself.

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

If I could change one thing, it would be to embrace the unfamiliarity from the start. At times, I hesitated to step out of my comfort zone, especially when facing new tasks or situations. Looking back, I realize that the unfamiliar aspects were the most valuable in terms of learning and growth, so I would encourage myself, and others, to be more confident and take on new challenges without hesitation.

