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### Internships: getting ahead in tough times

As the job market shrinks and the numbers of unemployed graduates grow, the world for certain twenty-somethings may seem bleak. 'Standing out from the crowd', is a phrase of increasing importance that may feel increasingly hard to do.

Luckily, internships are a proven way to add value to your CV and help you to stand apart from the masses in the search for a job.

Deutsche Bank's Summer Internship Program looks to offer a structured, comprehensive introduction to working for a global institution. Depth, focus and support are the key to a successful internship – candidates are given the opportunity to spend a full 10-week period with a Deutsche Bank team and are assigned a personal mentor during this time.

The Bank looks to recruit bright, enthusiastic and ambitious people for the Program and this summer, its Jersey office welcomed five such people, all working in different areas of the business.

Today, two of these interns share their experiences with us. **Liam Dunne**, 21, a graduate from the University of Cardiff and **Aldo Plater**, 22, currently studying for a Masters in History at York University.

### Genuine responsibility

To get the most out of the experience, the scheme's participants are encouraged to take on certain responsibilities, and manage his or her own tasks throughout the 10-week period.

This year's intake had the opportunity to get involved in projects that are of real importance to both Deutsche Bank and the economy as a whole. Liam Dunne who joined the Corporate Services Division, recounts his experience, "This summer I assisted the corporate services team on establishing multiple property holding structures, some of which held iconic buildings in the City of London. It was great to be so closely involved in headline transactions from my very first day ."

### **Tailored to you**

With a clear support system in place, regular contact with a senior mentor allows each intern to get the most out of their experience and build up vital contacts. Where possible, the internship is adapted to encourage specific skills and interests.

As law graduate Liam confirms, "I had a brilliant mentor, he took a lot of his time to actually tailor the work to my ambition of becoming a commercial solicitor. He gave me career advice and has put me well on my way to achieving my goal."

History Student, Aldo Plater adds: "I had the opportunity to present to the CEO and other senior staff members about my time there and while this was a little nerve wracking it was a great confidence-building experience."

### **Well-rounded experience**

The ultimate aim of the Internship program is to ensure that at the end of their placement, participants are better placed to compete in today's tough job market. This involves building on skills and experiences both in and out of the office.

Hands-on involvement experience encourages interns to expand skills acquired at university as well as developing a range of new capabilities. Aldo Plater, who was placed in the Global Business Services teams comments: "Terms such as 'data analysis' were completely new to me when I started. By the end of my time there I had completed an independent project using all the skills I had acquired"

Former Hautlieu student Liam Dunne adds:

“During my time at Deutsche Bank, I had my first exposure to client communication in meetings and through phone and email correspondence. Being in a friendly and supportive environment gave me the confidence to be able to handle queries from clients. I think this will really help me when I start going for interviews.”

Beyond time in the office, the interns got involved in a community project – helping to decorate some rooms at the Centre Point Trust Nursery at Rope Walk t. The interns were also encouraged to participate in various team building activities including Deutsche Bank’s 5-a-side football team.

## **Head start**

The current job marketplace is really competitive but Deutsche Bank is committed to nurturing the business leaders of tomorrow.

“The experience has been brilliant, and I would certainly recommend the program to any students looking to gain an insight into the world of business and get ahead in the competition for jobs”, claims Liam. “Everyone made me feel welcome and really went out of their way to ensure I got the most out of my time there.”

All Jersey undergraduates are invited to register their interest with us; we will then send out details of an introductory event to be held during the Easter holidays. At the event you will be able to meet some of the 2012 interns and find out more about the 2013 Internship Program. The interview process for the 2013 summer placements will also take place during the Easter break.

For more information and to register, please send a copy of your CV to Sean Farrell in the Human Resources team: [sean.farrell@db.com](mailto:sean.farrell@db.com)

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