



Vancouver Internships Testimonials

What do our interns think about their internship in Vancouver?



Maritza from Mexico, Finance/Accounting – Final Report, thoughts about her experience

“When I started to work at my host company, I didn’t know what the company did, or what kind of clients and suppliers they had, and the most important I didn’t know what to expect about the inside environment of the organization.

Now, I can say that in Vancouver I was working in a very important company and I’m really proud of it. At my host company I had the opportunity to know about different areas of the administrative side...that was an amazing work for me, because I had a lot of responsibility and I learned a lot, and also was very good for my English because I had to talk with a lot of people. My host company and the people who work there are simply great, and I can say with security that I learned a lot, I had a lot of fun and it was one of the best experiences I ever had, I gave my best, and I’m very happy with the results I reached. I’m going to miss all of that.”

Some comments from Maritza’s supervisor:

“Maritza has been a tremendous asset to our Finance and Legal Team. She has been working very hard evaluating, consolidating and designing a new database for our stock options. This has been a very challenging job since the information had many different sources, and elements that needed to be consolidated. Maritza has a great attention to details. Throughout this project she was able to find several in discrepancies that she was later able to rectify by comparing this information from other sources. She also has demonstrated how she can think outside the box by suggesting ideas that helped improve the layout of the database, and thus the end result.”



Stefanie form Germany, Human Resources - Thought about her first week in the internship

“On my first day I was introduced to all employees working in the corporate branch. I also attended the year-end meeting giving information about the year and future perspectives. My colleagues are all very nice and it is important for them that the internship will be a valuable experience for me. I am or will be involved in a couple of interesting projects. I think this also indicates that team orientation is very important.”

Some comments from Stefanie’s supervisor:

“Stefanie has been exceptional! She is efficient, intelligent, and conscientious. She manages her time well and can take something and run with it. She has had a variety of responsibilities to date, including inputting stock options data, legal/legislative research, compiling market data for compensation, reviewing documents, etc.”



Irene from Korea, Graphic Design

“From this experience, everything was challenging to me. But I am really happy that I finally got over it and done. During my days at my host company, I feel like having so much wonderful experiences and learning a lot not only about all the skills related to work, but also north American culture which is very valuable to me in a new country. And I was really happy that I had a chance to talk with my supervisor about my internship evaluation. His constructive feedback gave me chance to

think about my confidence and skills I have to improve. I will definitely try to improve my skills and attitude to move forward to my future.”

Some comments from Irene’s supervisor:

“During her time at our company we worked Irene quite hard, offering her a wide range of challenges and responsibilities. From print product, to web design and illustration – no matter what we challenged Irene with she continued to perform at the high-pace that we expect at our company. The work she produced was excellent. By the end of her stay, Irene had created a place for herself within our team and we are sad to see her leave.”



Frank from Germany, Construction Management

“During this week I interned in a real Canadian Work Environment. My workplace is the site office of the current project. That’s the hub of all decisions. A lot of different people labor herein, from the project management, the superintendent and the assistants to the site coordinators and workers. Each team member has many years

of experience and knowledge in concrete high-rise construction of the project. As I already mentioned this field of industry is a very service-oriented and knowledge-based area. It is very interesting to see how everything works. During my studies I already gained theoretical knowledge which I have to put it into practice. This practical knowledge as very important for my further working life.”

Some comments from Frank’s supervisor:

“Frank was a practicing student intern, at our office under my direction, our company is a Canadian General Contractor, specializing in high-rise residential construction in Vancouver.

Under my guidance (my responsibility is overall construction management of 15 towers currently in various stages, from design development to final occupancy) Frank assisted in, and was able to observe & participate in many general areas, from an engineering & management perspective.

In summary, Frank was exposed to all facets of high-rise design & construction, from excavation, to structure, to exterior envelope, to interior finishing. He has been an appreciated member of our site management team. I am sure that Frank will have a successful career upon graduation, and hope it is in the construction industry.”



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Myriam from Mexico, Event Management/PR – Thoughts about general internship experience

“This internship contributed in a personal way by making myself more confident, to work with different people and to understand that people work in different ways and to get use to that rhythm of work, and to make me a routine of waking up early. In a professional way it contributed to be more organized, more responsible and to work under pressure and to deliver tasks on time.

Now that I have worked in an international organization and in a foreign country I certainly want to get more involved in this aspect. I want to do another internship before I work and of course related to this one.

It is a wonderful experience. I have learned a lot. I think it really helps you to grow up, not only in a professional way but also in a personal way. It is a very enriching, unforgettable and useful experience. I don't even have the exactly words to express all the knowledge and skills I've gained. It is simply great to be part of my host company.”

Some comments from Myriam's supervisor:

“Myriam has been a pleasure to work with and have in the office. She is very thorough when it comes to detailed work.



Susanne from Germany, Translator – Thoughts about general internship experience

“I started my internship at one of the world's market leaders in Business Intelligence software with an in-house translation department. I was given the opportunity to be an intern at their localization department. I worked together with a team of great people from more than 6 different countries and cultural backgrounds, and I was able to gain a first insight into “real” work life. Sure, the first month was pretty demanding because everything is new: new people, new environment, new structures but you get soon used to that. Now, already studying software localization back home in Germany, I'm benefiting a lot from what I have learned, in class and at my internship. Apart from all that, I made a lot of new friends, and I discovered a passion for Canada while living and travelling there!”

Some comments from Susanne's supervisor:

“Susanne's pleasant personality and her enthusiasm to familiarize herself with new processes made her a very valuable team member and a great colleague to work with. She takes an analytical approach in addressing her tasks and suggested new and constructive solutions”