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Degree course	Computer Science
Current year of study:	3rd year
Internship details:	ODL Student Audio Experience Intern
How long was your internship:	12 weeks



Description of your role and responsibilities?

My project was largely a solo one conceived by the department as a way to showcase the importance that audio can have in the University. We also wanted a way to involve ODL students in the project - so I ran a campaign to encourage ODL students to send in spoken word audio clips of themselves talking about their perceptions and experiences of Online Learning. As part of the project, I created a website that allows students from all over the world to easily send in their content to us then allows me to subsequently display that content on the website.

What interested you in this specific role?

I have an interest in media technology, so immediately I was attracted to the audio collection and manipulation aspect of the project. I thought it would be a great opportunity to get professional experience in the area. Prior to applying for the position, I didn't know Edinburgh offered distance learning degrees so I was curious to find out more about the process and opportunities available, especially since I am considering doing a postgrad masters myself.

How have you benefited from this experience?

There is no doubt I have taken a lot from the whole experience, not least my development goals that I was asked to work on at the beginning of the internship. I also learned about project management; it allowed me to explore different methods and techniques, which I found very interesting and valuable. The biggest aspect for me though is the greater sense of career direction I now have.

What advice would you give to future interns?

Your department is often there to support you. Asking questions is the bedrock of settling into a new job/internship. It allows you to learn about your working environment, but also allows you to get to know your colleagues and build up effective working relationships.

