



# Employed on Campus 2018 Internship Case Study

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## What was your internship?

University-wide course development intern

## Description of your role and responsibilities

I worked as part of a team with two other students to create a prototype for an online, interdisciplinary course on the city of Edinburgh. Our task was to NOT create a fully fledged course, equipped with content and reading lists but to instead create a 'prototype' to show how this course could look like, what it might cover and how it might be assessed.

This involved:

1. Designing and implementing a survey to get wider student input and assessing the results
2. Organizing and conducting focus groups with students
3. Consulting with academics across university who have subject specific expertise on Edinburgh or experience designing interdisciplinary courses
4. Synthesising insights from all of the above sources along with our own ideas to create our prototype which we presented in the form of a website (which we designed on Wordpress)

## What interested you in this specific role?

Having previously been involved in decolonising the curriculum movements on campus, I began taking a deeper look at what I was studying and my role as a student. The above aspects of the job were not listed in the job description. The most interesting bit about this job was that it was all very open-ended. Along with our supervisors, at each stage, we collectively decide what this prototype was going to look like.

## How have you benefited from this experience?

Co-creating a course taught me how to take control of my own education and how to take a more active role with my professors to shape what I learn and how I learn it.





Also, this internship gave me the opportunity to talk to many academics and students across the university. This coupled with reflections about my own educational experiences led me to create a podcast which I will take forward from this internship and continue to work on long after the end of this internship.

### **What advice would you give to future interns?**

Don't be afraid to step outside your comfort zone and don't ever feel like you're under qualified to do something - the key is to contribute as much as you can and taking initiative to learn things that you don't know.

