



Employed on Campus 2018 Internship Case Study

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What was your internship?

Python Programming and Data Analysis Intern - School of Biological Sciences

Description of your role and responsibilities

My role involved the extension of online course assessment for the course 'Quantitative Skills for Biologists'. This meant having a solid grasp of the programming language used in the course (Python) and learning how to use the online environment used to assess the 200+ students a year. I had to come up with new ways of asking the questions to reduce plagiarism, which involved writing many new questions.

What interested you in this specific role?

I had an interest in Biology in High School, and since coming to the university I had gained a strong interest and skill-set in programming. I wanted to see where this knowledge could take me, and how well I could apply it to a new field.

How have you benefited from this experience?

The internship has taught me a variety of things including those I expected, like more Biology and Bioinformatics skills, but also many more transferable skills like project management and giving presentations.

What advice would you give to future interns?

What I would say to future interns is to get stuck in from day one. Even if it means working a little harder to start with, working some extra hours, getting off to a strong start can set you up really well for the rest of your project.

