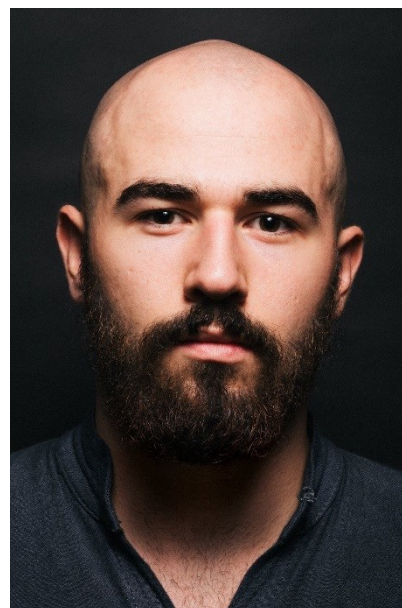




Employed on Campus 2018 Internship Case Study

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What was your internship?

Social Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting
Intern

Description of your role and responsibilities

During my internship, I evaluated how UoE's Social Responsibility and Sustainability reports, which are released annually and reflect on the past year's SRS engagement and impact, can be improved. This largely consisted of looking at how other leading universities structure their reports, what kind of information they include and how UoE compares against this. I also identified areas of reporting that UoE is doing well in and how we can continue to excel in these.

What interested you in this specific role?

Although I had previous experience in the Social Responsibility and Sustainability sector, this was more in a corporate capacity, and I was keen to see how a large organisation like the university approached the sector, and gain insight into an area I'm considering as a career path.

How have you benefited from this experience?

I have benefited massively from this internship and the variety of experiences it has given me, including: being able to work on an interesting long-term project that will benefit the university and its community; getting valuable insight into the sector and some of the various roles available within it; developing good time management skills; and creating a valuable network of contacts for future communication.

What advice would you give to future interns?

I can't understate the importance of clear communication. I think it's important to discuss and clarify your objectives with your line manager at the start of the internship, and to check in regularly to discuss your progress - this will also keep you less stressed when deadlines for deliverables come up!

