

Internship Success Stories: GSK

The GAP Year internship at GSK provided me with a wider view on how a multinational company works. During the internship programme, we were given a main project to handle, and our line managers guided us from start to finish. As a New Product Development intern, I was brought through the process a company undergoes to launch a new product. This required me to learn the basics of product design and development, then apply it.

I enjoyed all the events planned at GSK. I was invited to various town halls and workshops to better understand how the business functions and to brainstorm new ideas. My ideas and pointers were taken seriously by my fellow colleagues – making me feel like I was part of the community.

The main thing I have learnt is not to limit myself. While working in a global company, I have come to realise that there are a lot more opportunities around. We are not limited to jobs available only in Singapore or work that is directly related to our major. Although my degree has set me on a path to professional healthcare, I am now more aware of opportunities where I can put my knowledge to use to help the community.

My advice to fellow students who want to get the most out of their internship experience is to be proactive and curious.

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New Product Development (NPD) Intern, Family Nutrition
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My internship experience at GSK was colourful. Every month brought with it different milestones and tasks, making work interesting. My main role as a Technical Intern was to support my supervisor in ensuring the technical robustness of our products, especially at the pre-launch stage. This involved looking at manufacturing documents, stability data and risk assessment documents to capture technical risks, as well as helping to diagnose the root causes of problems that were reported at the manufacturing sites.

Apart from this, my supervisor and I took part in ad-hoc projects to assist the other business functions. I was involved in a campus outreach event where I talked to students about internship and work opportunities, and life at GSK.

There were a lot of learning opportunities available here – from town hall meetings to science seminars and debates. People were generally friendly and open to sharing their experiences with us. The office environment was quite open as well – GSK uses a hot-desking system and there’s a lot of natural light.

My advice to fellow students who want to get the most out of their internship experience is to be proactive. Don’t wait to be told what to do. Keep an open mind. Join as many activities as you can!

“Work is not like school where everything is limited to homework. The work I do here enriches my learning and brings improvement to the company.”

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