

My career and my internship experience by Sye Koon (Wilson) Hang

I found this internship to be an opportunity to be involved at university. Throughout the internship, I was involved in the Summer Vacation Employment Fair at Clayton, the Immigration Fair and sessions at Caulfield, surveys and administrative tasks both at Clayton and Caulfield. I enjoyed working with the staff and really found that I belonged to the team. These sorts of experiences are meaningful and can't be achieved just by studying.

Other than the Careers and Employment Internship, I am involved in a variety of voluntary and extra-curricular activities. I am a volunteer for the Red Cross homework and breakfast club at a primary school in North Richmond. I have a volunteer role at the Salvation Army retail store in Box Hill and a Child Sponsorship promoter for World Vision Australia. Recently, I participated in the Oxfam Australia's Donor Contact Service. I am involved in an association called "Give and Gain Program" as a committee member. While at Monash I also helped out at the orientation and school access tours to university. I found these roles very fulfilling.

My career objectives are broad and I would like to find an exciting job or maybe even get into the entertainment industry. After graduating however, I intend to search for a job relevant to my studies (Psychology and Marketing). As a graduate I am also interested in starting in a junior position in a stockbroking firm.

After working for this internship program, I found that it was really helpful for my career planning and preparation. I experienced a range of activities which included surveying students on their careers and employment awareness. In addition I attended career education workshops for interview practice and the Future Leaders program. From these programs I learnt that soft skills and career preparation is critical in being competitive within the labour market. Through my work at Monash University Careers and Employment, I found that there are a range of career information publications available for students to access, which I hadn't realised before.

In future I plan to research more about graduate recruitment and develop strategies to achieve my career plan. I believe that I learnt a lot about my skills from a range of tasks that included researching and communicating with students. Finally, I would recommend and give encouragement to all students to join this great internship program. It's a good chance to enrich your career exploration and add value to your academic qualifications.