Austmine STEM METS Career Pathway Program
Post Program Interview

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What drew you towards applying for the Austmine STEM Program? In particular, why did you apply for your current internship position?

I applied for the Austmine STEM program because I believed it was as an excellent platform to connect with industries, to kick-start a career in METS sector. I expressed my interest to work for Geological Survey of NSW because, I was keen to see how my data skills could be applied to the large repositories of mineral exploration and drilling data they maintain. I was also positive that this experience would prepare me for future data career in mining sector.

Do you see yourself as having a career in this sector? Has your view towards the sector changed since prior to your internship?

I wish to develop a long-term career in the mining sector. I envision myself to contribute to the building of sustainable mines, by helping take best possible data driven decisions when using natural resources.

What key skills have you learnt through your internship that you feel are transferrable for future roles?

Top 3 key skills that I learnt through my internship are research skills, analytical skills and ability to learn on the job.

What task or experience was particularly memorable as part of your internship?

The most rewarding part of the internship was to work with my mentor, who was very supportive and happy to answer all my questions. I thoroughly enjoyed learning a lot about geoscience.

What was the biggest challenge you faced during your internship and how did you overcome this?

The biggest challenge I faced during the internship was to work with real dataset which was very different from what I used in uni. Through extensive research and my supervisor's guidance I managed to come up with a data model.

Would you recommend the Austmine STEM program to future students?

It is an experience I would highly recommend to future students. This program would help students expand their understanding of the field and develop relevant skills for future career roles. I hope more students make use of this opportunity to enhance their career development.

Do you have any further comments you would like to make about the Austmine STEM Program?

The program was very well organised with webinars to support students progress through the internship. A great thanks to Austmine for creating such a positive experience overall.

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