Austmine STEM METS Career Pathway Program Post Program Interview 2020

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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?

As part of my degree, I was required to obtain industry experience. After applying for several positions, I discovered the Austmine STEM program. Austmine provided a very structured program with industry partners and kept me updated with both successful and unsuccessful applications. I applied for a software engineer position because I wanted to gain hands on experience and apply my knowledge in a real-world environment.

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

Initially I was very skeptical but after starting my internship I was enlightened with the opportunities available within this sector and having an amazing workplace culture really changed my perspective and goals. I see myself having a career in this sector for the long term!

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

I have learnt many skills through the internship such as project management, formal documentation and working both independently and as part of a team that are transferrable in the future. However, for me improving on my communications skills and understanding the importance it has in a 21st century workplace has been my most valuable transferrable skill.

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

The first day of my internship was the most memorable day for me. I was surprised with the level of hospitality the company provided and received plenty of support from both Austmine and the company for successfully completing the internship. On the first day I was greeted by my manager and received a welcome pack and my very own desk with a name-card. That's a memory I won't forget.

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

The biggest challenge I had to face was working with technologies that I hadn't had any experience with. In order to overcome that I dedicated research time, practiced/implemented my learnings and asked other team members for guidance.

Would you recommend the Austmine STEM program to future students?

Definitely! Austmine STEM program is a great opportunity that future students should take advantage of. This program will broaden the horizons of upcoming professionals and provide experiences in a structured and supportive environment.

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

Austmine STEM programs are a great opportunity for anyone who is eligible. These programs offer great experiences that will allow you to shape your career.

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