

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?

The internship position (Asset management Intern) aligned with my Engineering management degree and hence I wanted to gain some industry experience to convert my academic knowledge to real world applications.

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

Yes. I would love to continue in the mining sector. I see a lot of untapped opportunities in the mining sector in terms of technology. The internship program made this observation very clear and apparent.

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

I have learnt a great deal using asset management and machine learning skills for the mining industry. I have learnt a lot about electric motors which can be transferrable to a lot of future roles. I have also learnt how to work in an agile style of management.

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

Working as an SME for a client was very memorable. The leadership at the internship company trusted my knowledge and decision making which helped us achieve good results.

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

Working with mining industry for the first time in my life was the biggest challenge. I was not very familiar with mining operational styles and mining equipment, but a detail research on mining industry and mining equipment everyday for 3 months helped me catch up very quickly and overcome the challenges. My supervisor experience and his mentoring were very helpful too.

Would you recommend the Austmine STEM program to future students?

Yes, I would definitely recommend Austmine STEM program to future students because it is a very good learning opportunity in one of the biggest sectors of Australia. The internships are challenging which makes the learning experience even better. I learnt more in these 3 months of internship than what I learnt in 1 year of university.

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

I had a wonderful experience and I thank Austmine for creating such amazing opportunities.



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