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Three things students should do during their internships



An internship is a great opportunity to brush shoulders with the workforce one is poised to join, and hence a chance to observe many things. Here are three ways in which students can make the most of their internships:

Observe how to communicate

This is the time to shed your shyness and face your fears. You may not be great at communication, but if you hide behind your fear, the internship will only be a golden opportunity that is lost. Don't hesitate to contribute your views, just because you are new to the game. Many a times a fresh perspective helps.

Learn, Unlearn and Relearn

The internship is a great time to understand the practical application of concepts that you have learnt in class. On occasions you may find that there is great mismatch between what you have learnt and the reality you

encounter. Take accountability for your mistakes and don't overtly justify them. Rather invest that time in learning what you did wrong and take feedback constructively. Listen to respond, not to react. This will help you to learn, unlearn and relearn, all the same time.

Maintain a journal of your learning

Most students are expected to prepare a project report at the end of their internship. Unless one records one's learning, one will not be able to recall one's observations. In fact, one could divide the learnings into two parts – one may be relevant to the project report and the other may be general observations regarding communication, hierarchy, values etc.

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