



Macmillan Learning

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Please give a brief description of your duties.	What value do you feel you added to the organization during your internship?	Did this internship meet your expectations? Why or why not?
<p>I worked for Macmillan Learning. My main project was to develop a lesson plan for an evolutionary trees interactive. I basically had to write about 20 questions about phylogenetic trees and provide feedback for each incorrect answer choice to guide the student back to the right path. Writing questions might not look like a very challenging task at first, but each question requires more work than you would think. Each question has to go under rigorous reviews to get a high quality product. I also had to learn how to use Ibis and Raptor, which are the software programs Macmillan Learning uses for its platform.</p>	<p>I felt like my voice was really important for Macmillan Learning since most of their products are geared towards students. At least once a week there was a focus group meeting where interns from all offices were gathered together and asked to review a product. In addition, my supervisors were very supportive. They always made sure to note when I was doing a good job.</p>	<p>Yes, this internship met my expectations. The one thing I was hoping to improve were my writing skills, which I did. One of the main goals of Macmillan Learning is to produce very high quality products. In order to meet these standards, all the questions I wrote had to go under rigorous review from experts. You have to keep in mind that in order to improve your writing skills, you need to be willing to receive constructive criticism.</p>
Would you recommend this internship to another student? Why or why not?	If you could change one thing about your internship experience, what would it be and why?	Please provide any additional information regarding your internship that you feel students should know.
<p>Yes, I would recommend this internship to another student. Macmillan Learning has an excellent work environment. Everyone is very friendly. You get the chance to speak your mind so you feel valued. Plus, the work you are doing will have an impact on education. As a student, you understand the struggles everyone goes through. Working for this company gives you the chance to actually improve the experience future students will have with their education.</p>	<p>To be able to write questions, I had to undergo pedagogy training. The training took a bit longer than expected so it made it harder to make progress on my project. I understand summer is a particularly busy time for Sapling Learning since they are preparing for the Fall semester, but I think I could have made more progress on my project if they had sped up the training.</p>	<p>This internship is a great experience for any science major that wants to take a break from lab. I'm a cell and molecular biology major so most of my experience is in academia. I wanted to get a taste of the industry and I believe this was a great company to start with. The environment is very relaxed. I particularly like this internship because I could combine two of my passions, which are writing and biology.</p>



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