
Student Experience



Tia Pindoriya

Course: Interior Architecture

Experience type: NCP funded online Internship

Host Company: Neopla Architects and Associates Firm

Having a placement at an international firm has provided me with a completely new perspective in terms of design and architecture. By undergoing a large portion of research into Japanese demographics and culture, I have gained experience and familiarity which expands my skills for potential job options in the future. Gaining experience on how realistic work dynamics function has been very insightful on how future opportunities might also work. This internship, while online, provides a great base for knowledge as you would find working in person at a firm.

Learning a new culture and language has been really fun and insightful. I think immersing yourself in an unfamiliar environment can be quite daunting so having done this I feel a lot more confident not only in my work but also moving forward in life. That being said I think the most to gain in this experience is self-confidence and presentation skills.

Having the right mindset I feel was really important when doing the internship. It can be quite full-on working with limited time and deadlines, so a passion for the firm, the work and the lifestyle of working goes a long way. It can also be quite challenging finding time to interact with people that you work with so taking each opportunity to ask questions and research beforehand will definitely be beneficial in the future for both you and them.

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I feel much more confident heading out into the workforce knowing that I have experienced working in a professional team environment in my industry. It is comforting to know that I can contribute to a firm in a positive way and apply what I have learned in university to a real-life project. I have also gained extensive knowledge about Japanese design and architecture that can be beneficial for future career paths, as well as valuable skill sets that we do not learn at university.

One of the best personal developments is being pushed out of your comfort zone. New experiences opens your mind to new possibilities, helping you to tackle problems from different perspective and come up with better ideas. The new skill sets that you learn aboard can also help you with your university projects and study which is an added bonus.

Be prepared to put in the work and use your time wisely, as this is just like any other job with deadlines. Learn some of the culture and language as you go which shows respect and interest. Most importantly do not stress because there are always people to help and guide you throughout the process.