



Internships and Co-Ops in the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences

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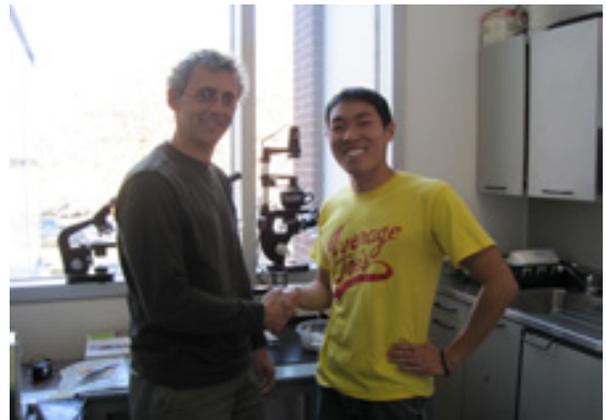
During the summer of 2009, Dimple Shah, a senior with an Elementary Education and English double major, began her internship with Bravura online magazine.

Bravura was founded by a Rider Alumni, Tirusha Dave. An English major herself, she created the website in 2008. Encompassing South Asian culture, Bravura hosts an array of articles and interviews regarding music, movies, and fashion. Dimple began with things like brainstorming and creating possible interview questions along with coming up with articles that interested her.

An important thing to Dimple was how open ended the internship was. She had enough guidance to always be on the right path and enough freedom to write about topics that truly interested her. As her time at Bravura progressed, Dimple was running interviews and even spoke with famous artists like J-Sean and Imran Khan, to name a few.

Now, Dimple is the assistant editor at Bravura. Much of her work is done on her own time, from home via the Internet. This flexibility allows her to continue working with Bravura yet not become overwhelmed with classes. An important thing she learned was how to conduct successful interviews and know the right questions to ask. Dimple also realized just how much she enjoyed writing. Overall, her experience at Bravura was a special one and her continuing involvement with Bravura shows her close connection still. Dimple grew close with coworkers and explains how it really, "felt like home."

English majors interested in Bravura or other internships in writing and publishing should contact the English internship coordinator, Dr. Mary Morse at mmorse@rider.edu 609-895-5570



Dr. Riggs with Joe Park

Biology Major Goes Hands On in the Field of Medicine

Joseph Park is a senior with a major in Biology and a double minor in Chemistry and computer information systems. Last spring, he interned at Capital Health Systems hospital on the Fuld and Mercer campuses. Joe began interning at the hospital two weeks before the spring semester after learning about the program from Dr. James Riggs. A very involved and dynamic internship, Joe was always finding himself in different departments. Days included shadowing nurses, assistants and sometimes even doctors. To Joe, one of the most interesting parts was spending time with the doctors. Removed from the hustle and bustle, doctors could most accurately show and describe exactly what they were doing.

Joe also spent some time with the paramedics riding in an ambulance on call. Joe explained to me the sort of hierarchy of the BLS (basic life support) group and the ALS group (advanced life support) and just what needed to happen when they arrive. Joe said that this was, “The real thing- people saving lives. Being on call, in uniform, with the ambulance blaring and getting on the scene, like you’re the answer, was a very intense experience.”

Through this internship, Joe saw many possible jobs within a hospital: assistants, nurses, doctors, all of which were rewarding in their own way. Understanding that some roles hold more personal interaction than others and learning about healthcare professions really struck a chord with Joseph. Even if he doesn’t necessarily enter the medical field, Joe is glad to have had such an enlightening experience and one that not many people get to have.

To find an internship within the fields of Science, contact the Chemistry, Biochemistry, and Physics coordinator, Dr. Bryan Spiegelberg at bspiegelberg@rider.edu 609-896-7729



History Internship Coordinator, Dr. Gowaskie

Engaging Internships in the History Department

History majors should keep an eye out for this one. Held annually, Dr. Gowaskie’s workshop gives history majors a glimpse of the impressive internships available to them, showcasing students who interned from all sorts of places, like the Lawrence Historical Society to the National Guard Museum.

There are many possibilities for history majors and many rewarding experiences to be found.

Dr. Gowaskie’s focus is that he wants students to obtain historical experience outside of the classroom. The History Department boasts an impressive list of places that Rider’s own have interned at, including: The David Library of the American Revolution, in Washington Crossing, PA, Monmouth Battlefield State Park, the Mount Holly Historic Society and New Jersey State Archives in Trenton.

For more information, students should contact the History department’s internship coordinator, Dr. Joseph Gowaskie at gowaskie@rider.edu 609-895-5460

Internship Opportunities at Every Turn...

There are many ways Rider can boost your personal network, help you snag a job, and find possible internships. Workshops are often held to help you see what alumni or upperclassmen have done while interning, and are a great place to ask questions should you need advice. Career fairs are also held and though many students may go to learn more about a company and inquire about actual careers, it never hurts to ask about any possible internship opportunities.

One of the most important things to know is that if you find something that interests you and want to do it as an internship, bring it up to the internship coordinator of your major. The coordinator will do his or her best to try and work out a possible internship that will in turn benefit you and also Rider’s relationship with the company in the future.

-Remember to always keep an updated resume. Many internships will want to see what you’ve accomplished thus far.

-Networking is your best friend when trying to get a foot in the door and find the perfect internship.

-Always be on the lookout for possible internship opportunities in fields of your choice.



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