**Project Leaders’ feedback on the value of hosting a Summer Research Project Intern**

“We had an excellent intern, hard-working, efficient, and confident with quantitative analysis. She produced two reports detailing interesting some results that can now be incorporated into publications.”

“The intern worked very effectively and been instrumental in the success of a scoping project with Land Securities and we hope this will lead to further collaborative research.”

“The project intern provided us with a valuable report and analysis.”

“The programme has worked immensely well and I think from both sides the experience has been fantastic and her outputs have been commensurate with a PhD student’s. I have been really impressed with the organisation of the internships and would very much like to see them to continue.”

“We were both very impressed with the intern’s work on the project, which has made a significant contribution to our group’s ongoing research on climate risk preparedness.”

“I am very pleased with how it has gone and the intern has shown excellent commitment and organisation. The internship has enabled me to get a head start on my data collection and I thank you for organising the opportunity. I will strongly recommend other staff and students take advantage of the programme.”

“The internship scheme worked very well & was rewarding for both parties. Based on my experience this time I’ll certainly be looking to support such schemes with offers of research placements in future.”

**Selected feedback from UG students on their internship experiences**

“I would like to thank all the staff involved for the opportunity to be involved with this internship scheme. I have thoroughly enjoyed it and know it will benefit me greatly in my future academic studies and career.”

“Through the internship I was given the chance to experience what it’s like to be working in a professional environment, including working with professional academics. Being able to see how the academia operates is invaluable for professional development.”

“My experience of the summer research experience scheme was very positive and worthwhile. I gained valuable, authentic experience of academic research and developed my personal time management skills. I found the internship rewarding and it has had a positive impact on my future career ambitions.”

“The best aspect of my internship was being involved in almost every facet of the research project, including recruiting participants, data collection and data analysis.”

“I would recommend this internship to any second year student, particularly those who plan to go on to complete a dissertation. The methods of analysis that I learnt in the training week have set me up with a strong toolset for embarking on my dissertation. Furthermore, I feel much more confident in my academic work, having completed my largest piece of independent research to this day. I feel that I have been very fortunate in having had this opportunity, which has increased my confidence in working independently and provided me with better capabilities of managing my time over a longer piece of work than I am used to. My knowledge on my research topic has grown in depth and breadth and I plan to use this to my advantage when I embark upon my dissertation.”

“My expectations were met during the research project and I now feel more confident regarding next year’s studies, in particular my dissertation. The SPSS course was particularly helpful in refreshing my knowledge of statistical analysis of data, and it gave me many ideas about how I could manage and analyse my own data for my dissertation.”

“I applied to the scheme because I sought to gain experience in the research process, particularly in data analysis and writing comprehensive reports. My expectations have been met fully - I think the skills and knowledge I’ve gained during this internship are going to be instrumentally useful for me, in both future studies as an undergraduate, but also as a post graduate so the chance to get some hands on research experience has been invaluable. The internship has also raised my confidence in my ability to handle and analyse quantitative data, as previously I was a bit daunted at the thought of using SPSS again.”

“I think the main thing I learned from this project is independence and on being able to take on responsibility. It was useful to be able to work with research specialists as I did feel I was contributing to something that was tangible and had real world implications.”

“The expectations I had for my project were definitely met. I now feel confident to complete complex tasks independently, while developing the discipline to work towards my own deadlines and maintain high standards. The project has also further encouraged my interest in the subject area which I am continuing to pursue through my module choices next year. The experience greatly improved my time management and prioritising skills which I feel will be very useful both in completing my dissertation and also in the workplace.”

“The programme has over exceeded my expectations. I have learned a lot more from it than I originally expected. The skills I have gained as part of this internship will be very useful in my studies and in future career aspirations. For example the new research methods that I have learned, will be highly useful for my final year of the university and in my future studies.”

“I was very impressed with the level of training we received. Specialists in various aspects of both quantitative and qualitative analysis provided us with in-depth information about choosing appropriate methods and applying them. During the training week I also learnt to use computer software that has provided me with a strong set of tools at my disposal which will be a great advantage going into final year. The quality and delivery of the training week was very impressive.”

“This internship has proved to be an enjoyable and valuable learning experience for me. I am glad that I took this opportunity and would certainly do so again given the chance.”

“Not only did the internship provide me with the opportunity to study an area of particular interest, it also most importantly, enabled me to build upon and develop a range of practical and academic skills, such as research, critical thinking, writing, presentation of information, time management and independence as a researcher. Therefore, as someone who is interested in further study at postgraduate level, the Internship gave me an invaluable insight into what it would be like to be a full-time academic researcher and the main attributes that would be needed for it.”

“I now feel far more confident in carrying out complex research tasks as well as managing my own projects, which will prove to be very useful when completing my final year dissertation.”

“Through the project I have gained first-hand experience of how SPSS works. I can now confidently use linear regression, and interpret the output tables and graphs. I can also use inferential statistics such as correlations and ANOVA, as well as descriptive statistics. I feel that these skills will be helpful for my dissertation and further study. It is fair to say that the scheme has met, and exceeded my expectation in terms of experience as a linguistics researcher.”

“The internship has been a great experience for me and I am more than happy to have chosen it. I would recommend it to any undergraduate student. I think I have gained a lot both in terms of academic knowledge and enrichment as a person.”