

MY GIP EXPERIENCE

Interning in Vietnam

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Internship Company: NFQ

What were your primary responsibilities as an intern?

I had to make sure that the CEO always had the help he needed. Sometimes that meant making power point presentations, emailing other businesses, or helping to develop internal guidelines. What was especially cool was getting the chance to work so close with him, so I got to hear his insights during meetings or advice on my work. Things like that allow you to learn things that are hard to find anywhere else.

What was your biggest accomplishment at your internship?

I had to prepare an important presentation that the CEO was going to use while he traveled to another country. There were some intense moments and a lot of back and forth but once he finally presented it, he messaged me saying how good the slides were. It was so rewarding to see the hard work translate into actual success so quickly and get recognition in the process.

What was your favorite part of living in your host city?

How walkable it is! I would leave my apartment and you can easily find amazing food, cool shops, thrift stores, cafes, live music, and so much more. If I ever wanted to do something, I could just grab a friend and start walking and something cool was always bound to happen.

What is something you wish you knew before departing?

Talk to as many people as possible. I didn't realize how much I could learn in little conversations and how many friends I would end up making. Now I have people across the globe that I can always keep in contact with!

What was the most memorable aspect of your internship experience?

I went on a business trip where we explored central Vietnam in Da Nang. There I got to visit Hoi An, which hosts a lantern festival, check out Bana Hills, see temples, go to the beach, and paddle board in the morning to see the sunrise. That whole mini trip was unforgettable, so if you take a trip, do it and sight see!



***I took all these photos throughout my travels. These show the Golden Hand Bridge in Bana Hills, the Hoi An Lantern Festival, and Landmark 81.**