

Case Study: Internship

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Which company did you undertake work experience with?

A year-long industrial placement with Mercedes AMG Petronas F1.

How did you go about finding the internship?

They came to give a careers talk to our department and then subsequently followed the application process given on their website.

What was the timescale for your application?

I started applying a few weeks into term, so mid-late October, applied for 2 Formula 1 positions with one interview in November and several finance/banking companies with one interview in December.

What was the application and interview process like?

The application process for Formula 1 was significantly less time consuming as it was simply an email containing a CV and cover letter. There were no additional tests or irritating online forms. The interview process was a day long affair held in their HQ in Brackley, Northamptonshire. This consisted of several 30 minute long interviews focusing on separate technical aspects and one thirty minute presentation preparation exercise followed by a thirty minute presentation/Q&A.

How big was your team and where did it sit in the organisation?

My team consists of 8 and is one of the Aerodynamics design teams in the organisation.

What was your role and what did it involve?

Aerodynamicist: Designing aero parts for the car.

What was the most valuable thing about your work experience?

The experience of working in (hopefully) my future career area.

Do you have any tips for future Imperial students looking to make the most of their summer?

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