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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Agence France Presse
What does the organisation do?	International news agency with written, photo and video journalists, social media and fact-checking desks as well as Health, Entertainment etc
Where were you located?	Paris, France
What did you do?	My role and the work I did varied across the four weeks. In the first week, it was writing articles fact-checking viral hoaxes, and publishing them on social media. I was also at this point able to talk to other journalists working on the photo and video desks as part of a desire to know more about the backgrounds of AFP journalists. In the second week I wrote articles on health and the environment, for which my essay skills came in handier than in the other weeks. The third week was spent at the desk responsible for English-language French news, which was the most interesting because I had the opportunity to learn more about where I lived (France). The final week was the English desk, which proved to be slower than the others (by this time, it was almost August and so nothing exciting planned) but the others on the desk were able to offer me work, which was again a variety of social media posts and writing articles and summaries of the day's news.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Word of mouth/networking - friends, family
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	I learnt what it was like to work in a fast-paced media environment, and unlike university student newspapers there's more of a sense of working together (especially as the person sat opposite me was usually the person who edited my stories). I was also able to refine my journalistic skills and get instant feedback on them/what needed to be improved, as well as help doing so. It was an interesting alternative to insights into 9-5 jobs--people work shifts, sometimes over anti-social hours and beyond their allocated shift time if they want/need to. Everyone was very friendly, possibly the most helpful and kind people I've ever had the pleasure of working with.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	7-9 months

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Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	No
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Helpful contacts
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	Not applicable.
Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Intermediate (2nd of 4 year course)
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	It really was thanks to the Careers Service bursary that I was able to do this internship. Though I haven't made the most of the Careers Service in my first two years as I should have done, I can see that come fourth year it will prove invaluable.

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Name of organisation	APCO Worldwide
What does the organisation do?	PR and comms
Where were you located?	Brussels, Belgium
What did you do?	Put together daily media briefs, monitored EU media for clients, carried out stakeholder mapping, sent out event invitations, research
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	College careers service
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Research skills, how to do stakeholder mapping, better understanding of EU institutions and policy
What were your average weekly earnings?	< £249
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	4-6 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	The experience was advertised quite informally though a college alumnus but the company does offer other internships on its website
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	None of the above
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Penultimate
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Beano (The)
What does the organisation do?	Children production of tv/children's website/education
Where were you located?	London, fleet street
What did you do?	Went into important meetings/ followed
For how long did you do it?	Up to 1 week
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Word of mouth/networking - friends, family
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	learnt about the china/business expansion/ edited board meetings/ understood more about role of ceo
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	4-6 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Helpful contacts;References
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	First
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Future PLC (TechRadar)
What does the organisation do?	Online magazine - tech reviews, deal etc.
Where were you located?	Bath for 3 days, London (near Paddington) for 1 day
What did you do?	Wrote articles (which are now on the TechRadar website), tested products for review, reviewed other journalists' work, managed social media
For how long did you do it?	Up to 1 week
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Speculative application
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Writing skills - Starting a portfolio of published written work - Experience in a working environment, editing as part of a team
What were your average weekly earnings?	Expenses only
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Helpful contacts
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

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Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Penultimate
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Name of organisation	Journeyman Pictures
What does the organisation do?	Distributes documentary content, as well as branching into the short fiction market.
Where were you located?	Thames Ditton, England.
What did you do?	I performed outreach to filmmakers who could potentially have deals with the company. I sourced and researched short films to expand the new catalogue. I wrote pieces for their webpages and helped boost their social media following.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Online searching inc. organisation websites
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	I learnt how to approach filmmakers and also how to kindly reject offers. I learnt more about the film festival scene globally, and how distribution is managed and by whom globally too.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	10-12 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	To cover my full train costs, which had not been previously agreed.;A job offer;Further vacation experience;Helpful contacts
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	N/A

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Penultimate
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	London Film Academy
What does the organisation do?	Teach students how to get into and work in the film industry, with students from all kinds of backgrounds and experience. Courses vary in length and focus and most lead to a professional qualification.
Where were you located?	London, England.
What did you do?	As an intern, I worked in Front of House, welcoming students and visitors and answering phones and emails. Some days I was on set, helping the crew or taking photographs for the social media pages. I went on delivery runs, organised the library and took people on tours of the school.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Cambridge Careers Service careers fair
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	I grew more confident in my knowledge of the workings and theories behind film and film sets. I taught myself how to use Movie Magic Budgeting and Scheduling, and was also taught basic principles of photography. I gained valuable contacts as well.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	4-6 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Further vacation experience; Helpful contacts; References
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	N/A

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Penultimate
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Media Trust
What does the organisation do?	Bridge between the charity and media sector
Where were you located?	Wood Lane, London
What did you do?	I interned with the CEO, wrote reports, researched and attended meetings with big donors and corporate sponsors.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Word of mouth/networking - Cambridge alumni, GradLink, College networks
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Working in an office environment, arranging events, working with large groups.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Expenses only
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Helpful contacts;References
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	n/a

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Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Penultimate
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	On London
What does the organisation do?	https://www.onlondon.co.uk This description is from the website: 'This website was launched on 1 February 2017 by award-winning former Guardian London commentator Dave Hill, who now runs and edits it. Its aim is to provide the best possible news and commentary about the UK capital's politics, development and culture.OnLondon carries articles by a wide range of contributors who disagree about many things, but share a common desire to improve the quality of reporting and debate about London and to make it a better place for those who live and work here. Whatever The Good City is, we want London to be it.'
Where were you located?	London, UK
What did you do?	I was a researcher and writer for OnLondon. I had two projects. The first project was helping in the creation of 'Borough Profiles'. For this, I carried out fieldwork in three London boroughs and worked as a photojournalist. The second project was a commission for an article on the website. This required me to carry out independent research (in this case, in a borough archive).
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Word of mouth/networking - friends, family
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	It was an excellent opportunity to develop my independent research skills and my writing skills. I also acquired valuable insight into the reality of being a jobbing freelance journalist and journalistic fieldwork.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Expenses only
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	If Cambridge students contact the website, I am sure they will be able to contribute. They are always looking for contributors. Rather than having an 'internship' as such, would-be journalists should use this contact as an opportunity to get some by-lines
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Helpful contacts;References

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	n/a
Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Penultimate
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Ozon Magazine
What does the organisation do?	They are a fashion magazine but also produce and print luxury travel guides and a skateboarding/alternative culture magazine.
Where were you located?	Athens, Greece
What did you do?	I was producing written content for their english facebook page daily, involving interviewing people in arts and culture sector and keeping up to date with popular culture news. I managed their snapchat account and also proof read their travel guide. In addition to other domestic tasks round the office and helping with events like parties and exhibitions.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Careers Service advertisement
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Experience of the publishing environment, journalism, social media management.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	4-6 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	None of the above
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	N/A

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Intermediate (2nd of 4 year course)
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Reuters TV
What does the organisation do?	It's a news agency that creates written and video content for other news platforms.
Where were you located?	Berlin, Germany.
What did you do?	I supported the producers in writing video shortlists (shot by shot descriptions) as well as writing the occasional script to accompany a video (describing what takes place in the video/ what it's about. Some days I would get to go out with the film crew to help with their interviews if they needed vox pops (short soundbites of people talking about the event). Quite often I would get to do these interviews myself. I got to go to some cool events with the film crew, like a modern tech fair in Berlin, or to a gorilla's birthday party at the zoo.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Other Cambridge University Department
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	It was really interesting to see how news is made behind the scenes. I learnt some cool skills like how to edit a news video. Improved my German. Learnt other useful information through meetings such as how to tell if an eyewitness video is a fake.
What were your average weekly earnings?	< £249
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	7-9 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	References

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	N/A
Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Intermediate (2nd of 4 year course)
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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