

I am an international student from China. I am a senior at Kent State University, majoring in accounting with a minor in hospitality management. I had two internships during the summer of 2015. I worked as an accounting intern at Invent Now Inc., and I worked as a Summer Conference Assistant at Kent State Resident Services for a hospitality internship. I am doing another internship with a public accounting firm, RSM LLP, in the spring semester and I am graduating in May 2016. I plan to start working full time with the firm after I graduate.

I got the two summer internships on Flash-at-Work, the Career Services Office internship and job database. I attended "Meet the Accountants Night" that the College of Business held in September. I applied for 13 positions on Flash-at-Work for the "Meet the Accountants Night" event. I received 6 first round interviews and 3 second round interviews. I decided to accept the offer from RSM because I liked the company culture. I used a lot of resources from the College of Business and Career Services Office. I had my resume revised many times from different people in Career Services. They were really helpful. I signed up for a mock interview and looked over all of the interview handouts that Career Services offered. I also attended several meetings to prepare for the "Meet the Accountants Night" that was held by Beta Alpha Psi and the Accounting Association. I also talked with accounting faculty in the college and asked for suggestions about which company is better when I make my final decision.

I think my internship searching process went smoothly, but I was really in rush for applying internship for credit and CPT for international students. It took a pretty long time. I would definitely start earlier next time.

When I look for an internship, I read the job description to see if its related to what I learned in college and if there is potential to learn more to enhance my future career. I also did some research on the company and looked at reviews from employees to see if I would be a good fit with the company culture and environment.

What I suggest to international students who are looking for an internship is to get involved on campus and do things that can be written on your resume. There are so many activities going on to network with people and gain experience. Always look for help. There are a lot of resources available, especially from Career Services. Everyone there was very professional and friendly.

What made my resume stand out is that I had a high GPA and related work experience with detailed accomplishments that were reviewed by Career Service professionals. I am also a member of different business student organizations on campus in which I held leadership positions, such as Delta Sigma Pi and the Accounting Association. I also listed all of my previous community service activities and honors on my resume as well.