

Hexion Procurement Internship

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Background

Over the Summer of 2021 I worked as an intern in the Procurement Department at Hexion Inc. Hexion is a global company headquartered in downtown Columbus, Ohio, where I worked in their office building on Broad Street.

Hexion Inc. Mission Statement

“For over 100 years, Hexion has been advancing specialty chemicals and performance materials. Everywhere you look, everything you touch, you can find our chemistry at work to make your world better, safer, and cleaner.”

Hexion focuses on responsible chemistry with a commitment to safe manufacturing and community involvement.

Hexion Inc. Branding



Obtaining the Internship

I found the Procurement Intern position through a post on Handshake. I reached out directly on Handshake, then was able to schedule interviews once Hexion reached out to me upon reading my cover letter and resume.

On the Job

I worked with my supervisor to develop sustainable materials database of more than 4000 raw materials. I also learned how to effectively assess sustainability of suppliers in terms of social, environmental, and economic responsibility. Our class of interns across the company volunteered with Pelotonia the weekend of August 8 to promote community sustainability.

Pelotonia Volunteering



Reflection

My experience at Hexion gave me firsthand insights on what it is like to work in the sustainability field on a corporate level. I plan to reach out to Hexion and similar companies leading up to my graduation from Ohio State in May 2022. I will seek another job in the corporate sustainability field as they arise; I found the experience to be quite rewarding and interesting.



Hexion Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio

My supervisor, Elizabeth Van Bodegraven



Recommendations

I would tell future students to go ahead and apply for positions that do not initially seem ideal for their goals. This internship was not what I expected – it was much more relevant and rewarding than I ever anticipated. Learning more about the field in any form is important.

The sustainability field is rapidly growing, therefore there are plenty of positions future professionals will obtain that have not even been invented yet. Future students should keep an open mind during their internship search as well as throughout their positions.

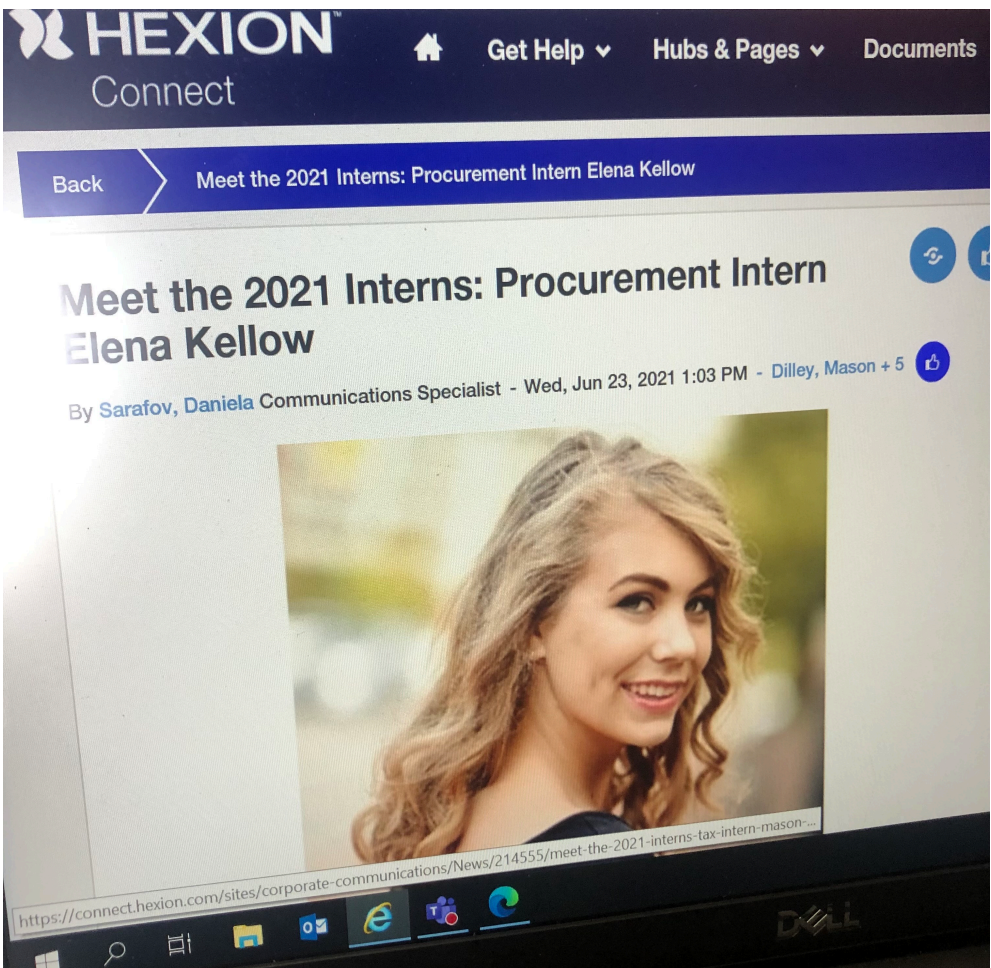
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