My Experience as an Innovation Intern at IGS

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About The Company
Interstate Gas Supply (IGS) is a supplier of natural gas and electricity that uses sustainable practices to operate. Among their products are solar energy panels, which most of my experience centered around.

I worked at the IGS headquarters located in Dublin, Ohio.

IGS is based in Dublin, Ohio, but has many offices across the US including

• Columbia, SC
• Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
• Chicago, Illinois

An employee in my department does beekeeping as a hobby. He brought another intern and I with him one day to showed us the ropes!

My Experience
I found a job posting last fall for my position on LinkedIn and a friend of mine with experience at IGS encouraged me to apply. The interview process took about a month and in November I accepted the position.

IGS has rooftop solar panels that the interns were aloud to tour.

My duties included:

• Researching the residential solar industry
• Exploring electric vehicle use in the US
• Working social media

I also gained valuable skills for the future including:

• Microsoft Excel and PowerPoint
• Communication skills via contacting outside labs and organizations
• Social media

I am now seeking a full-time job starting next summer after I graduate.

IGS serves the residential solar industry, along with others.

Going Forward
This experience influenced my career plan to enter the sustainable city planning field. I am also now considering general community development nonprofits.

Throughout my internship, I formed close friendships with the other interns at IGS. The company also encouraged strong relationships among employees.

Recommendations
For those seeking internships, I recommend:

• Use sites like LinkedIn and Handshake
• Don’t get frustrated when applying to positions. I applied to a ton of jobs before accepting this position!
• Be flexible as to the position and field you apply to
• Utilizing the career resources at OSU

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