

Internship talk @ McGill University CSSA

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Part I: My experience at Microsoft in 2015

In this part I talk about what was it like to work in Microsoft Vancouver during summer 2015.

- Duties
- Work schedule
- Working environment
- Most fun part and least fun part

Part II: Application processes for my two internships

In this part I talk about the processes I went through in applying to my two internships @ MSFT.

Summer 2015:

- Application submitted in tech fair, October 2014
- On-campus interview
- Placement in Vancouver and on-site interview
- Offer letter and relocation arrangement

Summer 2016:

- Mock interview at the end of 2015 internship
- Notify MSFT the will to return
- On-site interview
- Offer letter, visa process and relocation arrangement

Part III: Dos and Don'ts

In this part I talk about my personal advice in preparing to apply for internships in the field of computer science.

For starters:

- Try your best to determine what do you want
- Begin preparation process really, really, really early
- Find them: tech fair, Facebook, well-known programs that accept lower year students (MSFT, Google, Facebook, Intel, IBM...), MyFuture, international opportunities, etc.
- Start small and build up your resume
- Networking: overrated?

- Exploit all opportunities you can
- Mock interview: seriously, do it
- Build your online presence

Master these skills:

- Write code with pen and paper
- Be very confident in at least one programming language
- Speak with confidence
- Tell stories
- Think out loud

For upper-years:

- Know what you want
- Know what to target and to expect in internships
- Try fast, try often

Avoid doing these:

- Put anything you are not 100% sure on your resume
- Have anything inappropriate about yourself online
- Rely on university in finding a job (not that they are bad, but you have more options)

Part IV: Q & A

In this part I answer all questions the audience might have.

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