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Placement: Online
Lubricants Ltd.

Role: Customer profiling
through data management

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Describe a typical day:

On a typical day I’d be given mini tasks such as checking for any negative stock levels and investigating where they have come from and carrying out small surveys to find out how confident the sales team are in the stock levels shown on the system. The work that I did involved desk and PC work so I liked to break my day up by walking out to the warehouse and doing a few jobs in there like counting stock. The internship has made me realise that although most jobs come with a certain amount of desk time, primarily I would like to be active during my working day.

Why did you decide to do a placement?

At the end of my third academic year it became apparent to me that a summer internship could be a crucial factor that may set me apart from other applications when I complete my degree and start applying for jobs.

Would you recommend doing a placement?

I am so thankful that I’ve have taken on a summer internship in-between my third and final year and would advise everyone to try and do the same. Even if you don’t get your ideal internship, you will still learn invaluable skills that you can take forward to your working life. Even if it just makes you a little more organised, it’s all still worthwhile.

How do you think doing a placement has benefited you for the future?

I have learnt about being in a real working company where the work that I do actually affects the company and the way in which it is run. I’ve been given a fair amount of responsibility and independence in my work and so it’ll definitely benefit me in my final year of university and having a 9-4 routine every day, excluding travel time, will help me with my time management.