

# **CLUB NEWS**

Staff Feature

## My NTUAC Internship Experience



"being able to work with individuals coming from the same NTU community made my internship experience much more relatable and nurturing."



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#### 1. What made you take up the internship programme?

I felt curious and excited about the job scopes offered for this internship. I wasn't fixed on pursuing any particular industry yet, so I'm open to exploring various areas beyond Accountancy. I've always been interested in Marketing, and this internship posting encouraged me to give it a try. Additionally, the flexible work arrangement makes this opportunity even more attractive to me.

### 2. What are some event highlights from your internship?

I genuinely enjoyed my internship experience at NTUAC, especially thanks to the kind guidance from my managers. Throughout my three months here, I participated in several events, including volunteering at Fei Yue, The ASCEND Network in Indonesia, and the JB Durian Trip.

Volunteering at Fei Yue was a rewarding experience as I helped facilitate a trip to the S.E.A. Aquarium with a group of 50 elderly participants. It was both fun and heartwarming to see the joy on their faces as they marveled at the different species of sea creatures. This experience made me reflect on the values of volunteering, which I often overlook.

During my time with The ASCEND Network, I had the honor of participating in an Indonesian workshop where I learned a new language—Bahasa Indonesian!

As a foodie, I also loved enjoying the delicious Kolak, an Indonesian dessert that reminded me of our "Bubur Cha Cha." This workshop helped me connect with participants and boosted my confidence to speak up. I stepped out of my comfort zone to engage with everyone, creating joyful memories together.

Last but not least, my favourite event has to be the JB Durian Trip where I got to explore different parts of JB that I have never been to. What made this trip fulfilling was the opportunity to



connect with our members as well as meeting some of the alumni from the NTU EEE AA.

#### 3. What was your biggest takeaway from this experience?

My biggest takeaway from this internship was the event planning skills I hadn't acquired during my previous experience. Planning events involves multiple aspects, such as managing publicity and designing artwork for social media posts. Liaising with various stakeholders and promoting our events to members are crucial processes in event planning. Through my experience here, I've learned that identifying our target audience for each event is essential, as it serves as a key indicator of success.

### 4. How have you grown as an individual? Any final thoughts?

Interning at NTUAC was a nurturing experience for me, as I learned that communication skills play a crucial role in a work setting. My seniors were friendly and approachable, which made it easier for me to raise questions when I encountered difficulties with my tasks. I realized that being clear about my responsibilities is essential for delivering the desired outcomes in my work. Before this internship, I often hesitated to ask questions for fear of inconveniencing others. However, at NTUAC, I felt comfortable approaching anyone without worrying about being a burden.