

CV WRITING SKILLS WORKSHOP

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How many CVs do I need to send out to win one incerview?

How many versions of CVs co I need to write in order for me to keep on winning interviews?

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How can I write a good tailor-made CV to win one interview?



How to secure an SIGC internship offer?

- More than 300 student applicants every summer
- Some competitive placement post with more than 20 applicants for one quota
- Some CPs may shortlist a few applicants for interview
- Some CPs may decline all applicants without/ after interview

Over 140

Community Partners







More than 210

Internship Topics/Posts

Around 475

Placement Quota



Components of SIGC Internship Application

1. Online Application Form (via Experiential Learning Application System)



- 2. Personal Statement for each placement choice (embedded in Application Form)
- 3. Attach your tailor-made CV (applicable to all chosen chocies)





Sections of Application Form

SIGC Internship Application

1. Personal Particulars

2. Internship Selection

3. Personal Statement & CV

4. Personal Skills

5. Awards/Exchange Studies

6. Work Experience

7. Extracurricular Activity

8. Preview and Submit



✓ Required to write a personal statement for each choice ✓ Attach your tailor-made CV

Step 3 / 8 » Personal Statement & CV

Personal Statement

A tailor-made personal statement expresses the student's specific motivation for participating in each choice of internship application with 200-500 words.

Attach your Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Student is required to upload a tailor-made CV to complete the internship application For non-local internships in mainland China and Taiwan, please attach your CV in Chinese (File format: doc, docx, pdf, jpg, png, gif; Maximum file size: 2MB)



Upload



Guiding Questions for Personal Statement

- a) What attributes, character, skills and/or experience make you best fit to this internship position?
- b) What are your aspiration, goals, and/or development areas and how are they relevant to the internship position?
- c) How will you contribute to the work of Community Partner you are applying for?

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Personal Statement

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Choice 1: American Club Foundation (Charity Interns for Fundraising and events / Grant giving/ Volunteering





Your Personal Statement may cover the following topic(s):

- a. What attributes, character, skills and/or experience make you best fit to this internship position?
- b. What are your aspiration, goals, and/or development areas and how are they relevant to the internship position?
- c. How will you contribute to the work of Community Partner you are applying for?

Your CV presentation is your personal brand



Finding your own voice







Structure of CV

Content

- Reviewing and collecting past work and other <u>relevant</u> experience
- Highlighting your achievements (achievement statement)

Format

- Separated by different <u>categories/ sections</u> with a space
 > sections in Application Form as example
- Reversed chronological formats (most recent one on top)
- Bullets and concise <u>phrases</u> instead of paragraphs/ sentences

CV Organisation

- Organising how to order sections to display your strengths
- Selecting what information to include and what to leave
- · Writing and rewriting Get rid of redundant information



Language Skills Social Innovation / Global Citizenet Faculty of Social Sciences, The Unive **HSE Officer CV Sample** Spoken English: Excellent Written English: Excellent /TerrySmith/1 High Street, Anytown, Anycounty, SE15 6TQ/07777 666 555/ Spoken Cantonese: NICA Spoken Putonghua: N/0A Professional Summary Written Chinese (Traditional): NICA Written Chinese (Simplified): N/A Personal Particulars An experienced and committed health, safety and environment officer with a wealth of Others: knowledge in health and safety and the environment legislation and codes of practice. Abl to write policies and safe systems of work to protect the health and safety of employees as - Hindi Excellent well as the environment. Monitoring and reviewing policies also within skill set. Able to keep Application No .: Telugu Excellent abreast of changing legislation and has in-depth knowledge of specialist areas of health, University No .: safety and the environment, such as chemical safety, control of emissions and construction Salutation: site safety. A good communicator on all levels, happy to work alongside senior managers Digital Literacy staff, contractors and external agencies, knowing how and when to liaise with various Full Name: Nationality: Core Qualifications HKU Email: Contact Phone Number: NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Safety and Health NEBOSH Environmental Diploma Other Skills St. John Ambulance first aid at work certificate (valid until June 2018) Curriculum: Course Year: Academic Qualifications Maior: Middlesex University of BSc Occupational Safety, Health and Environment 2001-2003 A levels GPA: English (B), Maths (B), Chemistry (C) Programme: Awards/Scholarchips Community Partner: Thorough knowledge of health, safety and environment legislation. Experienced in formulating policies for high risk environments then implementing, Internship Project/Topic: Date(MM/YYYYY) Award monitoring, reviewing and auditing these. 06/2019 Competent risk assessor. Qualified HSE trainer. Able to formulate preventative maintenance schedules. Personal Statement Exphange / Non-local studies (including study tours, virtual p Able to carry out specific environmental monitoring and sampling tests. Excellent written and presentation skills. N/A HSE Officer - Rollands Manufacturing 2010 - present Relevant Work Experience (Including Internship) Responsible for full site health and safety together with environmental compliance Experience: 2 Date(MM/YYYYY) Ligising with staff on all levels including external bodies and contractors. Training the workforce including managers in health and safety and the environment Name of Organization HSE Officer - CGE Construction - 2006-2010 Position: **Duties** Responsible for health and safety on company's construction sites along with environmental compliance. **Faculty** of Available on request. The hse CV sample is one of our extensive portfolio of online resources Relevant Extraourrioular Activities (including voluntary work, helping you build a complete CV from scratch to accompany your job application. Success In high school) at your fingertips using our CV creation tools, which provide great basis for both the text and format for your CV. Start building your professional hse officer CV sample today. Activity: 1 Date(MM/YYYY) 08/2018 to 09/20

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individuals.

Kev Skills

Experience

References

across all areas.





Achievement Statements

(results demonstrating through your job duties)

Now, get a start on your own CV

a verb in past tense/ gerunds / To +verb a subject or a task

+ an action

quantitative or qualitative results

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e.g.

- 1. Led a team of five to test run a client database within two weeks that resulted in good marketing adaptation
- Successfully ran creative programs for children aged 4-6 and taught them expressiveness through painting and storytelling



Font should always be legible and professional. No cursives! Physical address needs to be included.

Britney Brinker



Should better sell the accounting

and your contributions to it. What

is FCC? Explain that. Are there any

quantifiable metrics that could be

experience. Explain the project

Email: britneybombshellbrinker@myemail.com | Phone: 222.222.2222

Objective

Motivated business professional in pursuit of a full-time care

Email address must be professional. No nicknames. No pictures please!

Summary

Ability to establish priorities, work independently and execute complex projects. Highly developed organizational and time management skills. Excellence working diplomatically and collaboratively with all leve implementation of projects. Adaptable to changing work academic, government and business institutions.

Education

Include major.

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Bachelors of Business Administration

Jones School of Business, University of Learning, Learning Pennsylvania Expected Graduation: December 2012

Work Experience

Keller & Keller CPA Acounttown, Pennsylvania

Accounting Intern

Worked on project to help 3 major companies prepare for FCC filip

Smiletown, Pennsylvania

- Reviewed books for 10 smaller companies
- Learned a great deal about accounting in practice

USmile Dental

Office Assistant

- Answered phones
- Filed client forms
- Booked appointments

Burger Tzar

Burgertown, Pennsylvania

brought to the table. January 2008 – December 2010

January 2011 – December 2012

This sounds too remedial. Include

the business and the value you

why these tasks were important to

included?

Cashier

- Took customer orders
- Helped manager with inventory
- Trained other cashiers

Does this really need to be included? What does this have to do with accounting? Get rid of it!

What's problem about it?

Faculty of Social Sciences The University of Hong Kong 香港大学社會科学学院

Curriculum Vitae

Address: 66 Hendford Hill, MOULDSWORTH, WA6 8DE, United Kingdom

Tel: 07900257283 DoB: 27 February 1985 Gender: Male Email: coolguy007@hotmail.co.uk Nationality: British Marital-status: Single

Personal Profile:

I am a hard-working individual who enjoys working. I am excellent at meeting deadlines. I have two years of experience in business and I would like to contribute to a business with my excellent skills and past work experience.

Education:



Hobbies:

I enjoy skiing, hiking, playing football, bird watching and going to Church on Sundays.

Reference:

Mr Evan Tesco Birmingham, West Midlands, B55 1KE, United Kingdom, Europe, World, Universe. Tel: 078 4320 3833 E-mail: <u>evan.sanders82@hotmail.com</u> What's problem about it?



Jane Doe

320 Jane Doe Avenue #555, Los Angles, California 55555 Home: (555)-555-6051 ♦ Cell: (555)-555-5011 ♦ Email: Jane4444@sbcglobal.net

ACCOMPLISHED, DECICATED MENTOR LIAISON

Mentoring / Case Management / Client Relations

Accomplished Mentor Liaison who is skilled in all aspects of case management including mentoring, interviewing, evaluation, assessment and individual counseling. Strong experience in working with clients of all ethnic and demographic backgrounds. Known and respected for being a proven leader with excellent communication and interpersonal skills who effectively collaborates and fosters quality relationships with all levels of staff. Keys strengths include:

- Staff Management & Development
- Case Management
 Assessment

Organizational Skills

Evaluation

- Client Relations
- Mentoring

Evaluation
 Communication Skills

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Liaison - Department of Children and Family Service, Torrance, California, September, 2006 - Present

- Responsible for identifying youth from the Torrance office to participate in the mentoring program.
- Provide orientation and assessment, pre match training, and activities for the Mentee's in the Torrance office.
- Plan and coordinate Mentee/Mentor activities for the youth in the Torrance office.
- Work closely with the LEAP unit (Emancipation) in coordinating events, activities and services associated with the mentoring section. Events included Chivas event (Soccer), Bowling event, Long Beach Aquarium event, Universal Studios, Clippers event, Firefighters Orientation and Mentee/ Resource Family Orientation.
- Coordinate and attend events with Impacting Hearts Youth Club (South Bay) and attend weekly meetings that involve DCFS children with Impacting Hearts.

Acting Supervisor - Department of Children and Family Service, Torrance, California, June, 2006 - March, 2007

- Training Supervisor of a family reunification, family maintenance unit.
- Assisted in training new CSWs on policy and procedures of the Department.

Star Community Liaison - Department of Children and Family Service, Torrance, California, January, 2006 – May, 2006

- Referred youth from the Torrance office for mental health services.
- Educated therapists of departmental policy and procedures.
- Out Stationed at Star View Community Mental Heath Services (one day a week) for a period
 of six months.

Acting Supervisor – Department of Children and Family Service, Torrance, California, January, 2006 – June, 2006

- Ensured cases received the appropriate services and were transferred in a timely manner.
- Created a tracking system that determined the date cases entered, stayed and was transferred out of the unit in order to maximize time and productivity.

What's good about it?





name: Anna Yenina

education/skills:

- experienced graphic-designer

- bachelor in kid's psychology & russian language
- beginer, but sooo talented web-designer

i like to learn some new, to create unusual decisions and answers, and people with good sense of humor j)



anna yenina@gmail.com

resumel

contact me:

i'm a web-designer in Ukrainian company at present (dinstance work) & photomanipulator (freelancer), but moved to Atlanta so i want to find, a job there (i have a green card, usa driver's license, a husband & 2 kids ;). & because i have an irresistible desire to develop & progress my skills without any stops & because i LOVE design. & so i'm lookig for a permament or part-time or freelance job to apply my skills, talent and to be a benefit for any company. money make sense too:))

my hobby:

photography (to shoot some new photos and bring back to life the old ones)

learning 3D programs (my newest hobby)

scrapbooking

yoga

drawind (by hands. real paints & wacom) favorite soft: Photoshop - forever!, AI, Corel, Xara 3D, Page Maker + some extra (additional) programs that i need for my work + i'm always eager to learn some new ones

want to see what i can do?

so, this is web-design bananas-web.deviantart.com

here are my works as free-lancer anna-banana76.deviantart.com

& here are my works in printing company anna-banana.io.com.ua/album11714

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 505-811 5740

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EDUCATION

EXPERIENCE

2010 - PRESENT

A1A CARWASH

ALBUQUERQUE, NM

Co-Owner and Operator

→ CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY College of Science, Pasadena, CA

SKILLS

1980-1986

- → Advanced in accounting, sales, and product distribution
- → Proficient in brewing properties and development
- → Strong ability to multitask
- → Excellent improvisational skills, especially in high-stress environments

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- → 1986 NOBEL PRIZE In development of direct methods and determination of crystal structures
- → GRAY MATTER TECHNOLOGIES Co-founder
- → 2008 TEACHER OF THE YEAR JP Wynne High School

REFERENCES:

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LYDIA RODARTE-QUAYLE

Madrigal Electromotive GmbH lydiarodarte@madrigal.com 713-215-2142

TODD ALQUIST

Vamonos Pest Control todd@vamonospest.com 505-772-3446

Played an active role in drastically increasing sales that included day-to-day operations management and inventory tracking

JANUARY 2010 - MAY 2011 ALBUQUERQUE INDUSTRIAL LAUNDRY ALBUQUERQUE, NM Lab Technician

Researched, led, and conducted chemical analysis on a wide range of elements, as well as initiating a geographic market strategy for distribution

MARCH 2002 - JANUARY 2009

JP WYNNE HIGH SCHOOL ALBUQUERQUE, NM Chemistry Instructor

O Taught and mentored students on the scientific methods and formulas of basic level chemistry

"Apply yourself and great things will happen."



Don't

- make it too fancy for traditional jobs

 e.g. put your picture, use artistic font styles, make unnecessary embroidery or colors, unique stationary cluster too much info on each page
- make your CV content imbalanced
- fake information that never exist
- make spelling mistakes
- write poor English/Chinese
- make sentences and paragraphs
- use too many different fonts
- use nicknames or weird combo in your email address

Do

- Spelling and grammar checks
- Use past tense for past events
- Devise a core version and adjust for each job application
- Always keep your CV concise and precise 1-2 page maximum
- Include your contact information mobile number, email address, WhatsApp/WeChat, LinkedIn
- Include referees if available and confirm with their contacts ahead of time
 - (for regular job application)
- Ensure each content area is proportional
 - e.g. more on latest job experience, less on previous
- Be authentic and original



APPLICATION SUPPORT





3:30pm - 4:30pm

Interview Skills Workshop @Social Sciences Chamber

By Ms Lancy Chui, Senior Vice President, ManpowerGroup Greater China JAN 21(FRI) 3:00pm-4:00pm

Chit-chat with Community Partners Session 2



Register NOW!



Individual Advice

JAN 20(THU) 4:30pm-5:30pm

JAN 24(MON) 2:00pm-3:00pm

INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATION SESSIONS

with EL Team @Zoom/@EL Hub (Walk-in Welcome)



Meeting ID: 918 5845 5209 Password: 234515

Further Enquiries



Please contact Dr. Ken Yau

> Email: <u>tkyau@hku.hk</u>



Reference

 Tsui-Burchield, Connie (2021) "Writing a Professional CV that wins Interviews", Radix Consulting, presented in <u>Internship Week 2021</u>, Faculty of Social Sciences, HKU, January 19, 2021 <u>http://www.socsc.hku.hk/InternWeek/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/CV-Writing-Workshop_20210119.pdf</u>

