CV/Interview writing workshop

Get prepared for your internship application(2020 Summer)

What are we going to do today?

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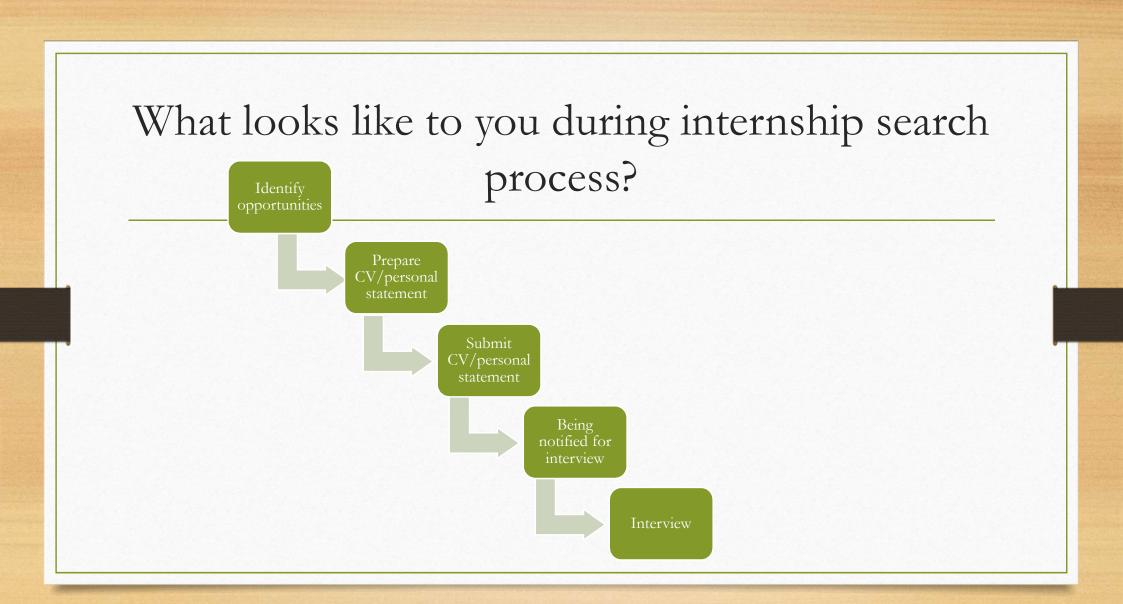
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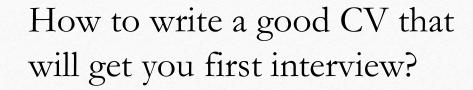
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Personal statement



Interview

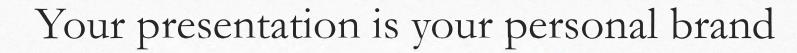






How to nail an interview so that they want you back as an intern?







HSE Officer CV Sample

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Professional Summary

An experienced and committed health, safety and knowledge in health and safety and the environme to write policies and safe systems of work to protec well as the environment. Monitoring and reviewing abreast of changing legislation and has in-depth ki safety and the environment, such as chemical safe site safety. A good communicator on all levels, hap staff, contractors and external agencies, knowing individuals.

Core Qualifications

- NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Safety a
- NEBOSH Environmental Diploma
- St. John Ambulance first aid at work certific

Academic Qualifications

Middlesex University of BSc Occupational Safety. H English (B), Maths (B), Chemistry (C)

Key Skills

- · Thorough knowledge of health, safety and Experienced in formulating policies for high monitoring, reviewing and auditing these. Competent risk assessor.
- Qualified HSE trainer.
- Able to formulate preventative maint
- Able to carry out specific environment
- Excellent written and presentation skills.

Experience

HSE Officer - Rollands Manufacturing 2010 - presen

- · Responsible for full site health and safety to
- · Liaising with staff on all levels including exter Training the workforce including managers

HSE Officer - CGE Construction - 2006-2010

 Responsible for health and safety on comp environmental compliance.

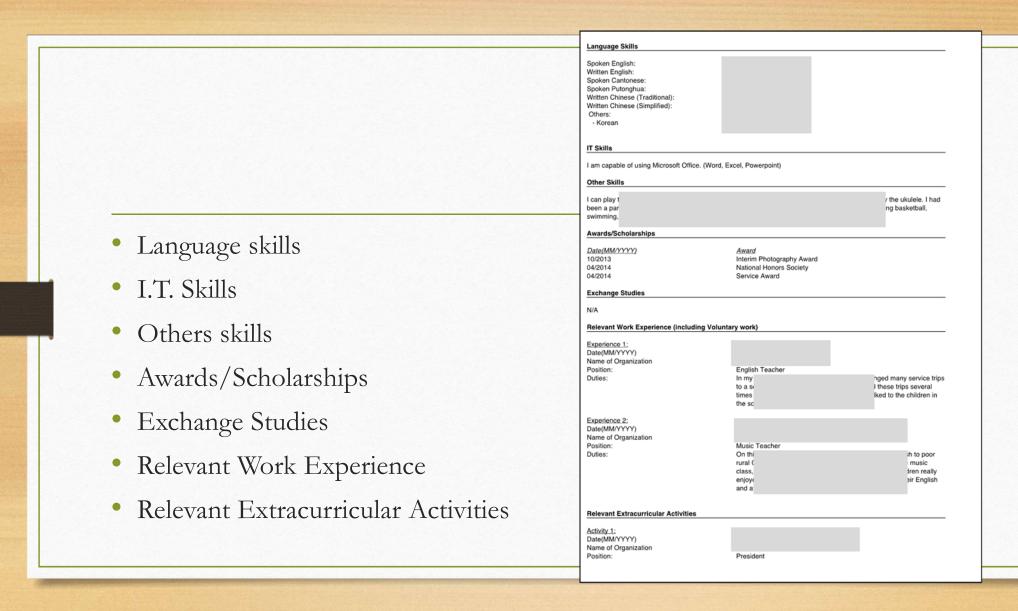
References

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Social Innovation / Global Citizenship Internship Application Faculty of Social Sciences, 7 Language Skills Spoken English: Written English: Spoken Cantonese Spoken Putonghua: Personal Particulars Written Chinese (Traditional) Written Chinese (Simplified): Others: Application No.: - Korean University No.: Salutation: Full Name: I am capable of using Microsoft Office. (Word, Excel, Powerpoint) Nationality: HKU Email: Contact Phone Number: the ukulele. I had I can play t been a par ng basketball, Curriculum: swimming, Course Year: Major: Awards/Scholarships GPA: Date(MM/YYYY) 10/2013 Interim Photography Award Programme: 04/2014 National Honors Society 04/2014 Service Award Community Partner: Internship Project/Topic: **Exchange Studies** Personal Statement Relevant Work Experience (including Voluntary work) a. What would you like to learn from Experience 1: Date(MM/YYYY) As a v Name of Organization real-w Position: English Teacher knowl Duties: In my nged many service trips I these trips several to a so lked to the children in times b. What are your strengths and w the sc One c quality Experience 2: Date(MM/YYYY) am al Name of Organization Position: Music Teacher c. Which skills do you want to dev Duties: On thi sh to poor rural (music Throu class, dren really field. eir English eniove worke and a experi enviro Relevant Extracurricular Activities Activity 1: Date(MM/YYYY)

President

Name of Organization Position:



Font should always be legible and professional. No cursives!

Physical address needs to be included.

Britney Brinker

Email: britneybombshellbrinker@myemail.com | Phone: 222.222.22

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. Excellents working diplomatically and collaboratively with all leve implementation of projects. Adaptable to changing worl academic, government and business institutions.

This summary and objective are better suited for a cover letter. Especially because this resume is over the 2 page limit.

Education

Bachelors of Business Administration

Include major.

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

Work Experience

Keller & Keller CPA Accounting Intern

Acounttown, Pennsylvania

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

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

Should better sell the accounting experience. Explain the project and your contributions to it. What is FCC? Explain that. Are there any quantifiable metrics that could be included?

USmile Dental Office Assistant

Smiletown, Pennsylvania

- Answered phones
- · Filed client forms
- Booked appointments

January 2011 - December 2012

This sounds too remedial. Include why these tasks were important to the business and the value you brought to the table.

Burger Tzar Burgertown, Pennsylvania January 2008 - December 2010

- 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 so bad about it?

What's good about it?

Jane Doe

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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
- Organizational Skills
- ♦ Client Relations
- Mentoring

- Case Management
- ♦ Assessment
- ♦ 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 CSW's 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

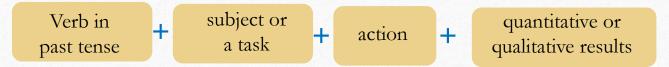
- Ensured cases received the appropriate services and were transferred in a timely manner.
- Created a tracking system that determined the date cases entered, stayed and was transferred
 out of the unit in order to maximize time and productivity.

Now, put it in practice.

• Use 6 minutes to work on your Achievement Statements (results demonstrating through your job duties):

Use 1 minute to share with your partner

Within 2 minutes, let your partner to give you feedback on how the Achievement Statements can be refined or stood out.



E.g.

- 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

Now, put it in practice.

- Use **6 minutes** to work on these 3 guiding questions for *Personal Statement*:
 - 1. What would you like to learn from and contribute to the internship programme? (aspiration)
 - 2. What are your strengths and weaknesses? (job-fit and development areas)
 - 3. Which skills do you want to develop? (expand repertoire)

Use 1 minute to share with your partner

Within **2 minutes**, let your partner to give you feedback on how the Personal Statement can be refined or stood out.

Don't	Do
• make it too fancy – e.g. put your picture, use artistic font styles, make unnecessary embroidery or colors, unique stationary	 Spend time constructing each item especially your Personal Statement and each Achievement Statements Spelling and grammar checks
• cluster too much info on each page	Devise a core version and adjust for each job
 make your resume content imbalanced fake information that never exist 	 application Always keep your resume concise and precise 1-2 page maximum
• copy from others	Think of how you being in the role made the difference
make spelling mistakeswrite poor English/Chinese	 Include your contact information – mobile number, email address, whatsapp/wechat, skype, linkedin
• make run-on sentences	Include references if available and confirm with your reference contacts ahead of time
• use 'I' language	Ensure each content area is proportional –
• use too many different fonts	e.g. more on latest job experience, less on previous
• use nicknames or weird combo in your email address	Be authentic and original
• put on sensitive info on your social media	



26 March 2018

Dear 2,700 Applicants to HKBN's Summer Innovator and Marketing & Finance Trainee positions.

Thank you for your interest in HKBN. As we have 2,700 applicants for just 19 slots, we will not be able to engage with you all personally, but we do want to offer some insights for your career development.

At school, you are normally boxed into a scoring framework of 100 points. As you enter the work force, break free from this limitation and set your own denominator. At school we are taught to try our best to reach the perfect score "100 out of 100 points". In the real world, it is far better and far easier to score "150 out of 200 points" than "100 out of 100 points", i.e. break free from the box and dare to aim much higher.

Back to this interview, instead of just sending in a standard CV, submit something that will WOW us, even if we did not ask for it as this will be the only way to stand out from the 2,700 applicants. When we shortlist CVs, we focus far more on the cover letter than your school grades and the standard CV format. A "mass mail" standard CV without custom cover letter will just go direct to the trash bin, as this is an indicator of a lack of real interest in our company. A bad cover letter simply says how good you are and how interested you are in Joining HKBN. A great cover letter explains why your strengths are relevant to HKBN and how these skills can contribute to HKBN.

If you make our shortlist of 120 i.e. top 5%, please do your homework before the interview. Beyond reading our annual reports and website (which are always positively biased towards us), study our industry, our competitors' annual reports and websites (they tend to counter balance our view on us), etc. and give us concrete ideas on areas that you can help us improve. Don't come to the interview to just do the interview, rather come to WOW us, otherwise you will be lost amongst the 120 shortlist applicants. Of course, if you made our top 5% shortlist, chances are that you will receive multiple job offers and we will need to WOW you just as much to ensure that you select us.

At HKBN, we are fighting the legacy incumbent that is 10x our revenue size, so we are looking for Talents who are 10x better than average. At HKBN, we say don't waste time telling me "my mother is a woman", rather tell me why "my mother is beautiful".

Good luck and I look forward to seeing you at the later stage of this interview process.

Sincerely yours,

NiQ Lai

Co-Owner and COO

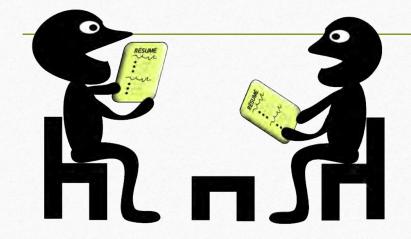
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P.S. If you have interest to be added to our Friends of HKBN distribution list for future company updates, please send an email to <u>peggy.chan@hkbn.com.hk</u> stating so.

"My mother is beautiful"

- A bad cover letter simply says how good you are and how interested you are in joining HKBN.
- A great cover letter explains why your strengths are relevant to HKBN and how these skills can contribute to HKBN.
- Beyond reading our annual reports and website, study our industry, our competitors' annual reports and websites and give us concrete ideas that how you can help us improve.
- Don't waste time telling me my mother is a woman, rather tell me why " my mother is beautiful".

Interview



It is all about first impression and why is it so important?

Don't

- be late
- dress up inappropriately
- use your mobile after you step into the door
- ask questions before addressing questions from your potential employer
- negotiate on terms
- lay out your scripts
- be arrogant
- be shy
- slack in your chair
- chew gum or bring your own drinks
- try to be smart

Do

- be 15 minutes early / set up Skype or intercom early
- dress appropriately
- only use your mobile for last minute check
- attend to your calls!
- observe the surroundings and the people
- drink enough water and go to the bathroom before you attend to interviews
- bring your resume/CV
- make a firm handshake
- be enthusiastic but not overly enthusiastic
- be authentic and natural
- be curious
- be business savvy, professional and succinct
- sit straight
- you can drink water or take a deep breadth when you start
- Be confident
- Be polite
- Smile often
- Be grateful and thank your interviewer(s)

Frec	uently	asked	q	uestions

- 1. Tell me about yourself
- 2. What do you know about our company?
- 3. Why are you interested in our company / this role you applied?
- 4. What are your greatest strengths? Weaknesses?
- 5. Describe a difficult situation you were in recently and how you tackled it.
- 6. Where do you see yourself in 5 years of time?
- 7. How would you resolve a work conflict?
- 8. What is your work style?
- 9. How do you handle stress?
- 10. Why should we hire you?
- 11. What is your greatest accomplishment?
- 12. What is your dream job?
- 13. How would you work with people different from your age/style?
- 14. If you encounter your manager or colleague who broke the company policy, what would you do?
- 15. What salary are you looking for?
- 16. What questions do you have for me?

Your skills don't seem to match with the job requirements. What is your greatest weakness? What was the greatest mistake you made? Do you like challenges? What would you consider when you need to raise a critical question? Are you a team leader or a team player? How many five-dollar coins will it take to build an IFC tower? What makes you angry? What would be the best candidate for this internship? What would your mom/enemy say about you? Why are you not able to find an internship placement in the first round of selection? What do you think about Donald Trump? What does your career rank in your priorities? Where is the happiest place on earth? Many Millennials are being criticized by the Baby Boomers or Gen X that they are too individualistic. What do you have to say about that?

To Conclude

- Your presentation is your personal brand
- Be humble and professional
- Keep your messages succinct
- Prepare carefully and thoroughly
- Use common sense
- Be focused, succinct and natural
- Be grateful and hopeful
- Be confident



Reference

• Creating your own opportunities (2017), Connie Tsui Burchfield, Radix Consulting

More about internship interview



About UNICEF since 1946

UNICEF believes

All children have a right to survive, thrive and fulfill their potential – to the benefit of a better world.

 UNICEF has worked to improve the lives of children and their families and fight for the child rights of every child



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Areas of our work



in 190 countries and territories

to defend their rights, and to help them fulfil their potential, from early childhood through adolescence.









Innovation

for children







Child

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Since 1986

Education and youth work







Hong Kong Committee for UNICEF

Advocacy projects









Hong Kong Committee for UNICEF

• Fund raising for local and global work e.g.

Humanitarian support for tsunami-affected people - Indonesia - 2018









Internship in UNICEF HK

Listen to what the interns say

"They (UNICEF HK) gave me lots of opportunities to try new things and discover my own strengths and interests." Year 1 intern, HKUST

"Working in UNICEF HK gave me an authentic taste of corporate communication and event organizing. Staffs there are nice and are willing to guide." Year 4 intern, HKBU





"Your work really depends on your interests and talents, and you can choose what you want to work on and **discuss with the staff**." *Year 2 intern, HKU*

"This internship program is not only a "lesson in the field", but also a mid-term evaluation for myself to **reflect on my direction** in both my studies and my life." *Year 1 intern, HKUST*

Internship Programme

Internship in UNICEF HK

Advocacy and Public Relations Department



- Assisting in project management
- Programme support
- Logistic



- Analysis for school account management
- Data summarization



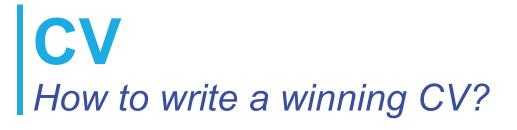
- Assisting in content development of education programmes
- Participate in development of promotion strategy

CVHow to write a winning CV?

DO's

- Precise and concise
- Include relevant part-time/ internship experiences
- Be honest



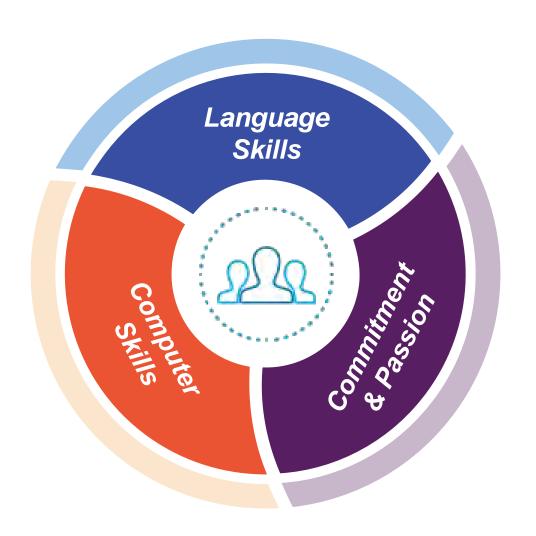




DO's	DON'T's
 Precise and concise Include RELEVANT part-	Include personal information
time/ internship experiences Be honest	(e.g. ID card number) Typos

Interview Tips

What key qualities are we looking for?



其他 (10%)					
報到	衣普		態度與性格		
□早到	□ 整齊	□外向	□領導者	□誠懇	
□準時	□太隨意	□ 一般	□一般	□ 一般	
□ 遲到	□曝露/浮跨	□内向	□跟隨者	□浮跨	

	期望 (35%)		技巧 (40%)			
實習原因與期望	對機構宗旨 的理解	自我反思	語文能力測 試表現 (文字使用/ 翻譯)	英文口 語 (如適用)	創意思維/ 應變	技能 (15%)

Interview Tips



Sharing of a real life story

Let's stay connected

Other than main site, other online platforms include



Let's stay connected

More about our local work on youth and education





Q&A

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Thank you

