

Hello. I'm Lawrence MacLean.

EDSI Intern

Lawrence MacLean was a Business Development, Finance and Marketing Intern with EDSI. Here he shares the experiences, thoughts and insights he gained over the past year.

1. What were your top three favorite experiences during your EDSI internship?

My very first project was to coordinate a company-wide T-shirt distribution to celebrate the launch of EDSI's new logo. I had autonomy to do the work, and it was a great experience! I also loved that I had exposure to everyone in the office from day one. I got to go to lunch with people from different departments and ask questions to learn more and really find out where my interests were. Finally, the team was really welcoming; the company has a great culture. Everyone was interested in my education and goals, and they helped provide me with guidance.

2. Name a funny moment that you had with your mentor or team.

My mentor was really fun, and being around such a great group of people, there were always fun moments. They brought me in on the jokes even though I was just an intern. They really treated me like one of the team.

3. What skills did you learn that you weren't expecting?

Communication. I learned that people communicate in different ways and I was able to get the tools needed to communicate effectively. It was a very valuable experience

4. What skills or experiences are you most proud of?

The experience I got with the proposal team. I helped keep track of new RFP's and worked on a proposal involving the economic state of a client's geographical area. I was in charge of the narrative and took what I was learning in college and applied it to the proposal. There is a lot that you study that can translate into a job at EDSI. I really saw more opportunities after that experience.

5. What would you suggest to future EDSI Interns?

Don't be afraid to ask questions and get involved in other areas of interest at your office. I was working with the marketing and proposal team, but I asked a lot of questions and talked to people in finance – which eventually led me to my current role with EDSI.

6. Is there anything else you'd like to say about your internship at EDSI?

I had a very positive experience in a great learning environment. My mentor was a huge help! Besides getting the experience and new skills, it was great to experience the culture - one of the most important aspects to any job.

