Nicola’s Internship

Why did you decide to do an internship?

When applying for my postgraduate degree, I decided to study a part time course to allow me to further develop my practice in film & editing, and to extend my portfolio. I was aware that this caused me to have a lengthy summer between my first and second year, which was a perfect opportunity for an internship.

How did you find the opportunity?

From the beginning of my course, I'd signed up to Careers' email service to receive notifications of work experience opportunities, placements and internships that were available relating my focus subject of film editing. One day the email with the Land of Iron internship appeared in my inbox and I immediately knew it was something I wanted to be part of.

What was your typical day?

After establishing a work schedule for the summer, I soon created my own routine of filming on location in the morning, before returning to the office to edit the footage in the afternoon. I would then continue my workflow of editing and grading the video I was working towards, before showing to the project team for feedback.

Throughout the internship, my manager would give me separate tasks, such as collating photographs or creating a twitter link, that I would work on as and when.

What did you get out of it?

This internship has required me to work independently, establishing my own work schedule whilst maintaining the high, professional standard that is essential. From this experience, I have gained a range of successful videos & photographs for my portfolio, the knowledge of using my own camera & video editing software, and developed a relationship that holds the potential for future work opportunities.

How has it influenced your future career options?

Through this 12 week internship at the Land of Iron, I am now confident in filming and editing footage independently, an invaluable skill that I can take forward to create my solo work, possibly as free-lance worker. Alternatively, these skills are transferable to other projects, as they are core skills which I can harness when working on my degree and in my future career.