INDUSTRY TESTIMONY ON RICE PSM STUDENT INTERNS

Halliburton/Landmark, Houston, Texas, Cynthia Raybourn: “The Rice PSM intern adjusted to a number of disparate assignments and approached each of them with energy and enthusiasm. He fit into the working environment very well, developed a professional network, demonstrated social skills, and demonstrated technical competence which made him a very valuable potential employee. He worked as part of a multi-disciplinary training development team during a major product launch and proved to be a valuable contributor. He also stepped up to provide “consulting” help to a Landmark client needing help in operating under new deepwater drilling regulations and assisted in the development of a “management of change” process that will be adopted worldwide for this client. This was a pilot project and our intern had a hand in figuring out what such a consulting engagement would entail. The Rice PSM Program sent us a great intern!”

URS Corporation, California, Jane Branson: “It was a pleasure to have this Rice PSM intern work with us last semester. He was all a manager could ask for, extremely enthusiastic, polite, on task and committed. He completed all assignments a high quality. He also established a fantastic rapport with his colleagues and will be missed. In talking with me, many had thought he was employed permanently with us rather than being an intern.”

Chevron, Houston, Texas, Aimee Edwards and Ellen Clark: “The Rice PSM intern from the Subsurface Geoscience track was strong technically and made a number of excellent suggestions to improve the outcome of his project including ray tracing. He worked well independently, setting high expectations for himself and the quality of his work. He was particularly helpful when conducting a qualitative review of the newly reprocessed data we received during his internship. He provided valuable suggestions to help organize data, showed strong leadership skills and demonstrated an excellent understanding of technical issues. He received very positive feedback from his peers regarding his time on our team. Team members mentioned that they were impressed by his communication skills, seeking proactively help and advice from more experienced team members to ensure quality of his work and to be informed about what the next step of the project entailed. The Rice PSM program provided a great intern!”

GSI Environmental - Dr. Chuck Newell, Houston, Texas has offered internship and permanent job positions to Rice University PSM EADM graduates since inception of the program: “Rice PSM students integrate well into the working place. The statistical training at Rice has been instrumental in their success with a variety of projects. Analytical and technical skills provide them with the ability to evaluate data and make decisions on appropriate methods based on detailed and complex data. Our latest interns from the EADM program have been bright, diligent and enthusiastic. They have been valuable assets to our project teams and we are looking forward to continued collaboration with this program at Rice.”

Baker Hughes –Rod Larson/Terry Quinn, the company has offered regular internships for PSM students over the last years: “The interns from the Professional Master’s Program at Rice are well prepared and have done exceptional work. This is an excellent program that Rice has put together! We are looking forward to continue our relationship with the Rice SG and NP programs, and firmly believe Baker Hughes will continue to provide challenging opportunities for students in the Professional Master’s Program.”
nGimat, Atlanta, GA - David Smith: “We are an Atlanta-based nanotechnology company, that was founded out of GA Tech. Most of our interns in past years have come from GA Tech. However, we have had students from Rice’s Nanoscale Physics program working as interns for the past two years. Both interns were extremely talented, committed and hard workers. We think very highly of Rice's Nanoscale Physics program plan to continue this relationship, depending upon business conditions for nGimat and the quality of candidates interested. The second intern was as well prepared as the first intern, and if the rest of the PSM students are as conscientious and quick to learn as these interns were, we will continue to include Rice students as long as we have opportunities.”

Schlumberger, Houston, Texas – Alan Lee Brown, Carbon Services: “The SG intern has been doing a great job getting integrated with our workflow and understanding our work environment and our needs. The Rice Professional Science Master’s program has done an excellent job in training their students for work in industry. Our SG intern was well prepared, and his hard work and great attitude lead to valuable contributions to the success of our division.”

Noble Energy, Eugene Murray (Geologist), Stan Volk (Geophysical Advisor) : “The intern from the Rice PSM SG program was entirely prepared for this internship. She required little coaching and was able to hit the ground running. We were very satisfied with her results, which was a value-add to Noble. This is very unusual with an intern. Her work was quickly integrated into project. The Professional Master’s program provided us with a qualified candidate and we are looking forward to collaborating with the program in the future.”

Marathon Oil, Houston, Texas - Martha Barnes, Advanced Senior Geologist: “The PSM intern was a valued member of our team. The training received at Rice combined with her previous experience from Landmark on seismic interpretation packages made her a great asset. I would like to see more students of the caliber of this intern from the Professional Master’s Program at Rice University. I am impressed by the interdisciplinary nature of the program, such as the relationship between the geoscience classes and the business classes. The combination of the technical training with the business view is quite helpful and gives the student an edge over other applicants.”

Environmental Resource Management (ERM), Houston, Texas - Rick Bost: “We prefer to use Rice’s [PSM] students in our intern training program because they have always been more mature, responsible, dedicated, capable, and eager to learn more and take on more challenging roles and assignments.”

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