

Intern Spotlight:



Meet Arantxa!

Name: Arantxa Espinoza

Major: Information Systems

College: Robert C. Vackar

College of Business and Entrepreneurship

Internship:

The University of Texas System Administration,
Information Security Intern



How did you obtain your internship?

I was doing some digging into information technology internships available via Handshake, and I happened to stumble upon UT System's Internship and Law Clerkship program. I talked to colleagues about the opportunity, who highly recommended it, and soon, I was selected for interviewing and accepted into the program.

What did you do during your internship? What were your responsibilities/duties?

During the program, my peers and I were trained on incident response and resolution using industry standard software, such as Cherwell, Tanium, Splunk, PhishER, and more. I was also chosen to work under the associate CISO, assisting in risk assessment processes and documentation. In a nutshell, I was able to work on standard information security practices and resolution as well as delve into the business-oriented duties.

What was the exciting aspect of your internship?

Taking on tasks that are outside of my expertise, which has expanded my skill-set and knowledge bank in a way that has lifted me up in regard to entering the workforce confidently and readily. It was also very exciting to get to see everyone from the summer cohort in-person during a 3-day summit, in which we got to partake in many fun activities, explore the city, present our final projects, tour the entire building, and we even met Chancellor James Milliken!

What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?

It's okay to be humble, but during an internship interview, it is okay to bring up all of your skills and projects you've been able to develop as a student. It's also important to remember that if you don't meet 100% of the requirements, the worst that can happen is getting a no; it doesn't hurt to apply to internships you really want. I also want other students to keep in mind that these opportunities can, and will, expand your network and may even lead to a full-time position with the same company.

How has the Career Center supported you in your career development?

As a Student Career Advisor, I've gained valuable insight from professionals in my field and many other fields, which has given me many point of views to pull from and develop professionally. I've been able to build a nice network on my LinkedIn account, build my resume up, and look into career options that are best fit for me. Most of all, my colleagues at the Career Center have provided support along 3 years of my college journey.