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INTERN CASE STUDY

Samantha L. Parris, B.S in Tourism and Hospitality Management, Field Coordinator

As an undergraduate student studying Tourism and Hospitality Management at Temple University, Samantha Parris discovered BioVid during a search for “something different” she could do with her degree as a part of her curriculum’s final internship. Despite the concern that it might not be completely related to her studies, Dusten Brennan, Director of Research Operations, assured her that her training in organizational management and event planning would not be lost at BioVid. So, she took the chance and found that BioVid is an enthusiastic company that strives to give its interns the tools they need to build the skills they bring.

Her Intern Experience

Unlike most of the interns at BioVid, Samantha did not come in as a research assistant. In fact, Samantha had little marketing and no pharmaceutical background at all - and thus had to hit the ground running in order to learn as much as she could during her seven months at BioVid. As Field Coordinator intern, Samantha was primarily part of the set-up, vendor management, and fielding operations of both global and domestic research projects. She was also involved in the creation and maintenance of purchase orders for the company’s fielding functions. During her time at BioVid, Samantha was a part of over 30 different projects, and was even the primary operations personnel on three of those projects. With her energy and passion for organization, Samantha found a great niche for her skills at BioVid.

Where is She Now?

Prior to her internship, Samantha began a lengthy application process to participate in the Japanese Exchange and Teaching Programme (JET Programme). Starting August 2014, she took a position as an Assistant Language Teacher teaching English in Akita Prefecture, Japan. Upon her return to the United States, Samantha accepted an offer to join the team as a full time Project Coordinator!