

Efficiency of Internship Programme in University of Kelaniya

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Abstract

An internship is the transition from study to work and is a necessary component in order to develop a students' skills, making them more advanced and diligent when they finally have the opportunity to be a part of the working world. Internships offer students a period of practical experience in the industry relating to their field of study. An internship provides a great opportunity for prospective employees to gain experience in a particular field or industry, determine if they have an interest in a particular career, create a network of contacts, or gain university module credits. The main objective of this paper is to evaluate the efficiency of Internship programme which is conducting by university of Kelaniya. To evaluate the efficiency some factors have been used such as the duration of internship, time period which assigned from the university for Internship, the duties assigned from the working place and the relationship between the academic subject and duties. For this research primary data were mainly used which had collected by interview based questionnaire. Target sample was student who are following internship program and who followed internship programme in all four faculties. Also this study reveal the opinion of Government and non-government companies about the internship programme. Mixed method has been used for the data analysis, and also the descriptive statistics and the Fisher's exact test have been used. According to the study it reveals efficiency of the internship programme which is conducting by University of Kelaniya is diminishing in the present due to many reasons. The main reason is Faculties are not known about the main purpose of this Internship programme. Another reason

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is student haven't knowledge about the learning objectives which they have to complete during the Internship programme and which companies do they have to choose to complete those learning objectives. It is important to convey all responsibilities to all the parties which work in with Internship programme and it is important to build up good connection among university and students' working place.

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