Work Focused Experiential Education at York University – Going Remote!

Experiential Education also known as EE provides opportunities for you to explore and experience the content learned in the classroom. Whether in the classroom, out in the community, or at work, York University offers EE opportunities in a wide variety of environments. The COVID 19 pandemic has created innovative opportunities that allow you to engage in work focused EE remotely and you will hear from a student and employer participating in a remote internship.

Work focused EE provides you with hands-on work experience specific to your academic discipline. This can include placements, internships, or co-op experiences. Many employers continue to offer these opportunities during the pandemic, but in most cases, you would work from your living space instead of physically working at the employer's office space.

Let's hear from a student and employer who are participating in work focused EE.

Hi, my name is Temitope Omidiji, I'm an accomplished finance professional with over 7 years of experience managing both personal and commercial credits back home in Nigeria. I joined Schulich IMBA in 2019, mainly because of its potential at helping me to launch my career in Canadian financial services. By March of 2020, I had secured 3 interviews with top Canadian banks to intern with them in the summer. However, those interviews were cancelled because of the COVID 19 crisis and by April I heard about the Schulich Pycap initiative which was designed to help businesses to survive through the COVID 19 crisis. I joined as a Finance and Business Analyst and at Pycap, I helped to create solutions for business to help them survive through the crisis and I believe the skills I have gained are highly transferable to my future career in Canadian financial services. Thank you.

Hello, my name is Stuart Browne, and I am the CEO of the venture capital firm called Pycap Venture Partners and during the summer of 2020, we hired a number of interns from the Schulich School of Business but of course this year it was quite different given that there was a pandemic. So obviously this meant we couldn't work from our office, we couldn't have regular board room meetings, and this poised a bit of a challenge. But, you know, I was very happy to see that all of our interns had a strong work ethic and were able to overcome this challenge through great, you know, teamwork and team building skills. So, in addition to working for us through this pandemic situation, they also had a really amazing experience. They got exposure in terms of working directly with the CEO's of companies that were in the Fintech, Agtech, Construction Technology and Clean Tech industries and not only did they get exposure to, you know, the inner working of these industries and learn a ton by working with these CEO's, but they also had the experience

of helping entrepreneurs navigate through an economic crisis, which is obviously quite rare. So, you know, heaven forbid the next economic crisis that hits, they will have on their resumes experience in helping these companies uncover new revenue streams, access sources of capital from government, and investors and a whole ton of other opportunities that they were able to have as a result of working at Pycap.

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