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# Don't want to spend your time by doing internship for free?

Gabija Mikalauskaitė - editor in chief

Most of the people would say, that after your studies you should try to find an internship because you don't have any experience. But does anyone wants to work for free? I don't think so.

During and after your studies you always have an opportunity to start your carrier in a company by starting from the lowest step.

A lot of companies gives you an opportunity to learn and grow. For example, some companies will give you an opportunity to start from nothing and climb the career ladder. Because of that, people stays at their companies for many years. There is also another side. Participant can start their first steps in one company and when he gets enough knowledge he will just go to a "better" company.

There are also companies who use internshipers to do irrelevant job and they doesn't get any normal practice.

You think that after you finish your internship you will stay and get a normal in the company? Well, it doesn't always happen like that.

Most of the companies use internshipers to do their work and after when the period ends, they just get's new internshipers so they wouldn't have to pay.

Internships are like life - there is good and the bad side, but only by trying to break through you will get your answer and your experience.



# Party, practice of both?

Kasia Staszewska - news editor

That's very difficult decision. You have no money, you study full-time and you know there is high unemployment rate in your country\*, nobody supports you, your parents give you what they can.

How long it is going to last?

How can you change this sick circle of poverty?

Well, I cannot say how would it finish if Poland would not access European Union in May 2004. But one year later after my Bachelor I left my country for Erasmus. Finally I could do it, because before we were not in the program, I mean we could go but without euro in a pocket. Did I mention about the circle of poverty...

After I came back, soon I found a job in Warsaw and actually in 2006 my life was kind of stable in comparison with other folks. It happened only thanks to two things.

One is the poverty I mentioned before. You don't waste time when you suffer. And the second is practice. Practice I did just to do something different than to be stuck in this circle. I had no time to practice at all so I was doing it between my classes or during weekends or on holiday. I wanted to know my profession to start to work immediately after I leave university walls. I did it actually before and I never graduated (Master, I have Bachelor as I said), so I graduate now, 15 years later...

But, bought an apartment being 29 because I gained excellent professional experience. Thesis of course is better to be written and ready when you study and have some government and family support. But the most important is practice.

I started to work in local radio when I was 19, before my studies actually. Then I had some obligatory internship, I did it in one of the biggest radio in Poland. Then I did some non-mandatory ones in another radio, which now doesn't exists but was important culture phenomenon that times. And became the topic of my MA thesis I finish now. I was also in some free magazine about city, such papers were important part of our media feature that times. I could explore city and its hidden places and make my first serious mistakes not being fired.

So, when I was on the last year, my cv was quite full already. I was hired by the best Polish newspaper to help to create the online version. I applied myself, but I never actually supposed anybody will call me, it happened six months later. Guess what? It was important for them I like weights (gym) and I know what is html (I took some facultative course after hours, because I was curious).

What is the moral of this story? Everybody has different lifes and is born in different environment. But in my life all what happened is thanks to non-mandatory things or some incidents. So, I believe we should do well what is to be done, it never can be skipped. But still, being open to what life brings, be spontaneous, not to think too long before any decision. You never know what will help you at the end, but in most cases that's some thing you would not expect. Life is just the big mosaic of details.

\* I was studying in 2001-2004 in Poland

# Not everything comes on the golden plate

Meliksah Ozgucuk - intern

I would like to start by telling you in which city, which neighborhood, who my mother was and what kind of person my father was. But i don't know that. I was 8 years old when I knew and remembered myself. Am i really 8 years old? I don't know that either.

I grew up selling bagels, water and napkins on the streets until high school. I grew up in an orphanage until I was 18.

Maybe you don't know, but at the age of 18 you will be forced out of the orphanage. I was alone on the street now.

I started living in a ruined house. I had 3-5 friends on the street. I started working in a restaurant with my friends.

After working until the evening, we used to sing rap music in the neighborhood in the evenings.

I was very envious of famous artists and famous people.

All of us has dreams. It wasn't a very expensive dream; a microphone. We worked day and night for save money. I bought a microphone and a computer at 21 years old. Finally, I made my first song. Then another one, one more, one more...

Do you know what happened next? I've become famous enough to tell you my success story. My only and last sentence about life; from nothing to everything.



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