

# INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

## Erin Drazdzinski

**Graduation Semester & Year:** April 2020 with 150 credits

**Semester & Year of Internship:** Summer of 2019

**Major:** Accounting

**Minor:** Criminal Justice

**Hometown:** Pittsburgh, PA

**Hobbies:** Photography

**Campus Activities:** Accounting and Business club, Art club

**Future Plans/Career Goals:** My future plans would be to find a job in the auditing and compliance field



- **Internship (company/your title)**  
University of Pittsburgh/ Intern for the Controller's Office on behalf of Financial Compliance for Research
- **How did you find your internship?**  
I found this internship through family connections.
- **What were your duties?**  
I learned the basics of effort reporting at my internship. This includes running reports, analyzing audits from other entities, keeping employee payroll access forms up to date, learning the new reporting system as well as creating security spreadsheets for every department at Pitt.
- **How many hours per week were you at your internship site?**  
I was at my internship for 37.5 hours every week (7.5 hours/ day).
- **What did you enjoy most about your internship?**  
I had many different projects over the course of the summer meaning that I got to experience many different parts of the department. I enjoyed the people at atmosphere of my office. ●
- **What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?**  
Many of the things that I was responsible for was sent to other departments or would end up having lasting effects of the department's budgets so it was important that there were not errors in my projects.
- **How did your experience at UPG and in the Accounting department prepare you for your internship?**  
The classes that I took at UGP helped prepare me with baseline knowledge for this internship.
- **How has your internship prepared you for a career?**  
I think that my internship gave me a better look at all of the different fields that are in my major. It also helped me realize that I want to do into the compliance/ auditing direction with my career.
- **What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?**  
I would highly recommend doing an internship to get a better idea of what a typical workday in your field would be like. Internships will also help you network as well as explore more areas of your major you might not know existed.

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