

INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

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Graduation Semester & Year: Spring 2026

Semester & Year of Internship: Summer 2025

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Future Plans/Career Goals: Working Full time at PNC starting August 2026



- **Internship (company/your title):**

PNC Bank/ Independent Risk Intern

- **How did you find your internship?**

I went on the company website and cold applied via their carrier's page.

- **What were your duties?**

My duties were to attend meetings, work closely with my team, my day-to-day manager, and also work closely with my capstone group to create data documentation of the automation process for creating risk reports.

- **How many hours per week were you at your internship site?**

I worked 8-5, 40 hours a week, Monday through Friday.

- **What did you enjoy most about your internship?**

I think the thing I enjoyed most about my internship was interacting with other people from all around the country and world and just being able to learn about where they were from and learn from them.

- **What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?**

I think the most difficult aspect was working on projects without a lot of guidance and kind of figuring out things for yourself whenever there is no guidance.

- **How did your experience at UPG and within your major department prepare you for your internship?**

I think what prepared me the most was being able to communicate in the workplace but also learning different systems. I had a very broad understanding of some systems, but learning from school, I was able to understand enough to get me started and from there learn more with the resources that were given to me.

- **How has your internship prepared you for a career?**

It has prepared me for my career to learn how to behave professionally and interact in the workplace, and I think also just learning how the corporate world works. I think my returning there in August 2026 for my full-time role will help me just feel at home and from there pick up from where I have started at the end of this summer 2025.

- **What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?**

My recommendation would be that you miss the shots you don't take, so if you see a risk and a situation that you would not put yourself in, I would put yourself in that position because you do not know what doors will open and what opportunities may come. I would also talk a lot and understand and learn about the people because in most cases many people are willing to help, and you will naturally network from there.

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