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Boston College Libraries

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Abstract

The Science Internship Program at Boston College Libraries is an innovative opportunity for students from all disciplines to gain experience and exposure to the evolving field of e-science. This program provides an opportunity for students to engage in research, analysis, and project development in the realm of e-science. The program has been successful in fostering students’ professional growth and preparing them for future careers in this rapidly changing field.

Position Posting - 2010

Science Librarian Internship, O’Neill Library, part-time (to hour/week)

The intern will be a key member of the Information Services team in O’Neill Library. The intern will work with a variety of stakeholders across the library to provide support for the library’s e-science initiatives. The intern will work with the e-science team to develop strategies and initiatives to support the library’s e-science activities. The intern will work with the e-science team to develop strategies and initiatives to support the library’s e-science activities.

Remarks from Interns and Librarians

From Interns:

"sustaining activities such as the [library] blog, Virtual Tour and the e-science presentation provide a great opportunity for students to gain exposure to the field and also to build their own e-science projects. It’s a very enriching experience that allows us to learn from each other and to build our own e-science projects."

"Having participated in this internship, I have gained a deeper understanding of the information services role in academic libraries. I learned about the importance of collaboration and communication in facilitating e-science initiatives. I also learned about the challenges and opportunities in supporting e-science activities in an academic setting."

From Librarians:

"The Science Internship Program is an excellent opportunity for students to gain valuable experience in the field of e-science. The program provides a hands-on experience for students to work with librarians and e-science experts in developing e-science initiatives. The program also provides a platform for students to develop their own e-science projects.

Goals of the Science Librarian Internship, Boston College Libraries

- Gain hands-on experience in e-science initiatives
- Develop project management and team-building skills
- Gain knowledge of e-science research and analysis
- Develop communication and collaboration skills
- Gain experience in a dynamic and innovative field

Structure and Tasks of Internships (2008 and 2010)

Intern worked closely with each member of the Group throughout the internship, with each group member supervising hands-on activities of the project. The intern worked closely with the Group to develop the e-science initiatives. The intern worked closely with the Group to evaluate the impact of the initiatives and to identify further opportunities for improvement.

What’s Happened Since (Fall 2010)

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What Did the Boston College Libraries Gain?

- Valuable insights into current thinking in library science, especially as it relates to e-science
- Greater understanding of the role of librarians in supporting e-science initiatives
- Opportunities to engage with a diverse group of e-science researchers and practitioners

What’s What in the Future

- Plans for future e-science initiatives at the library
- Opportunities for students to engage in e-science research and analysis
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