

I just finished a second non-obligatory internship at the Hawaii Bicycling League in Honolulu, Hawaii, United States of America.

The Hawaii Bicycling League is organizing two premier bicycle events during the year in the State of Hawai'i, the Honolulu Century Ride and the John B. Kelley Haleiwa Metric Century Ride. Since 2011 HBL is also organizing a memorial ride – the Zachary Manago's Ride in Paradise – which enables the organization to attract another notable number of participants.

The internship at HBL offered me the possibility to put theory into practice. I was able to improve my language skills and gained a better insight in the working environment. I was 100 % involved in all processes from planning, implementing to evaluating an event.

Situated in the pulsating center of Honolulu it seems to be the ideal place to work. An internship in a new country like the United States was the ideal opportunity to broaden my business acquirements and my individual experience. Beside that I got in contact with new people and even different nationalities. I gained new business contacts, which will be very useful for my future career.

As an event marketing intern I was assisting in the planning and implementation processes of small to large events (100-4,000 participants). I work closely with administrative staff under the direct supervision of the Events Manager. The Haleiwa Metric Century Ride attracted almost a 1,000 participants this year – the Zach Manago's Ride in Paradise a notable number of about 180 participants.

After five months working at Hawaii Bicycling League I can state that I am really happy that I got the chance to work in such an amazing environment and in particular in such a great business field. From the first day on I was really interested in the whole business of the organization, in particular the event planning.

For me the most important point was to get a good insight in the whole business market/sector and to improve my professional skills as well as my personal skills. The

internship and the stay really changed my attitude towards life. It was an unforgettable experience and in combination with the language a unique possibility.

I can really recommend to anyone to apply for an internship at the Hawaii Bicycling League and to spend some time in the great environment of Hawaii.

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