

I just finished a three month internship at the Hawaii Bicycling League in Honolulu, Hawaii and I am very happy. During the past months, I worked and helped Mitchell Nakagawa, the Education and Events Director, in the planning of the Honolulu Century Ride, the largest cycling event on the island.

Since the first day of work, everyone was very friendly and ready to help me in every situation. I learned a lot and finally I was able to put theory into practice and gain an idea of how the planning, management and evaluation of a big event is like.

HBL gave me this unique opportunity: I have been living in Honolulu for 4 months, the city that everyone dreams, I improved my english, I learned the basics of a new language - Japanese and I got in touch with a lot of people from all over the world.

Moreover, I broadened my knowledge by having the possibility to collaborate with Japanese people. People like Rod Tomei, who showed me a different perspective of how Japanese people pay attention to small, but important details, and how hard they work!

As an event management and planning intern, this internship help me to better understand what my goals are for the future and, through this internship, am now am sure that I want to work in the sport and event fields. After three months of working at the Hawaii Bicycling League, I can say that I am very, very happy that I choose to come to Hawaii and live this challenge! I want to suggest to apply for this internship to everyone that wants to work in event management and in a friendly and relaxed environment.

This internship changed my perspective and gave me the opportunity to have an overview of the whole management, marketing, planning and evaluation of an international event that is improving every year - thanks to the work of all staff and especially thanks to all the volunteers that are always ready to help the Hawaii Bicycling League.

This was my first work experience, but I can state that this was best choice I have ever made!

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