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Over the past five years, Güdel's internship program has expanded. The first interns were those with a sole passion for engineering. But Güdel has now opened its doors to interns with interests in marketing, IT and finance. They work alongside and learn closely from experienced professionals, who teach them the ropes in each field. Don Bromley, Shaun Adkins and Jennifer Rogers-Harris oversee the interns through their time at Güdel and help push them to gain as much knowledge as possible — and to work hard to succeed in their endeavors at Güdel and beyond.

Fantastic environment & values

One major fear of interns is being given inconsequential tasks and working with people who have little to no patience for them. At Güdel, this is not the case. Ben Szmatura, an IT intern, has found his time at Güdel filled with an abundance of experiences that have led him through both challenging obstacles and learning opportunities. For Szmatura, this has been an extremely valuable step on his path to becoming an IT help desk technician.



"I felt comfortable to not only test my evolving IT troubleshooting skills, but also in communicating with coworkers and sharing positive workplace relationships," Szmatala says. "The professional atmosphere has been my favorite aspect of being employed here. In fact, this environment has proven important to all of the amazing experiences I've had. Never did I feel I succumbed to stereotypical 'intern' errands, like coffee runs. I truly felt like a part of the company, collaborating on projects and being respected by everyone."

Travel opportunities

As a Swiss-based company, Güdel provides workers the opportunity to travel. With its US headquarters in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and clients scattered across the country, Güdel has no shortage of destinations for interns. In her first couple of months, Brooke Romeo, an applications engineering intern, was given the chance to travel to New York on a sales trip.

"It was a great experience because I didn't know much about the company coming in," Romeo says. "It gave me the opportunity to see the products Güdel sells while getting to know some of the people I'm working with."

Romeo was able to visit several of Güdel's customers to see how they applied Güdel technology. This trip allowed Romeo to better visualize the ZP-5 HD project she is working on while interning, as well as to learn what innovations will help Güdel best its competitors.

Project development

Brandon Schrupp's internship at Güdel has shown him the workings of the company, as well as how a project travels through different departments to get completed. Don Bromley, manager/applications engineer, has created an environment where Schrupp can obtain as much learning experience as possible.

One of Schrupp's projects is helping to create a concept for the TMF-0.5, a TrackMotion Floor module that will be

able to move smaller robots. Another of Schrupp's projects involves a concept for a shuttle, which has provided a series of challenges he has enjoyed facing.

"Working on these projects has helped me learn how to design a better product, keeping in mind all the different possibilities that could happen and the easiest way to manufacture everything," Schrupp says. "It has also shown me how our modules come together mechanically and how all of the components work together to make the module operate."

Overall experience

A variety of factors play into the value of an internship. Although many internships teach a wide range of skills, few are able to offer a beneficial experience that intertwines all aspects. From her first day on the job, Claire Destrampe knew Güdel would do exactly that. With a different background than most marketing interns, Destrampe says that Güdel equipped her with innovative projects that helped her gain invaluable experience while benefiting the company.

"I was given a great deal of projects and activities to work, learn, network, travel and gain real-world experience that I would not have gotten without my time at Güdel," Destrampe says. "I will walk out of here with an extensive amount of knowledge that I did not have before my internship. It has truly been my pleasure to be an intern at this great company."

From intern to full-time

Interns sometimes become full-time employees at Güdel. This was the case for Myka Vernon, who has a degree in product design and development. While Vernon was able to explore different areas within the field at college, she wasn't quite sure which one to focus on once she graduated. During her senior-year internship at Güdel, Vernon was exposed to automation in a way she, as well as her classmates, had not been before. For example, Vernon has seen automation applications ranging from the packaging of contact lenses to using

robotics to put cookies in a bakery oven. Vernon recently transitioned from an intern to a full-time employee at Güdel as an applications engineer. "The transition has been smoother than I imagined," she says. "As an intern, I was treated equally as a full-time employee. My first day full-time was no different than my last week as an intern."

Future interns

Güdel's internship program provides a one-of-a-kind environment filled with learning opportunities. This positive atmosphere relays a realistic experience of what it's like to work for a successful company. Interested college juniors and seniors can submit an internship application to us_careers@us.gudel.com.

What interns are saying

"Everyone is working on something different in the company, but they all operate together using each other's knowledge. The company encourages you to quickly learn about what they do, which is what I admire about it the most."

– Brooke Romeo, applications engineer intern

"This company is an excellent vessel for exposure to a corporate setting. If you are looking for an internship with supportive coworkers, a challenging experience and a fulfilling company to gain experience and accelerate your career, Güdel should be at the top of your list to apply!"

– Ben Szmatula, IT intern

About Güdel Inc.

Güdel Inc. is the US subsidiary of Güdel Group, a global manufacturer of robotic automation products, systems and services. Güdel supplies linear-motion modules, robot track motion units, gantry robots and components to OEMs, systems integrators and machine builders serving the automotive, aerospace, logistics, heavy industrial and power-generation industries. Güdel Inc. is located in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in a dedicated 45,000-square-foot facility, providing North American customers with engineering, design, production and customer service support.

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