Of student internship, its process and benefits

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In today's competitive world, gaining practical experience is a must. It is a good idea for students to acquire some job experience even before they graduate. A recent survey conducted by Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), the hand-on experience during internship helps students gain experience and skill sets in their chosen field. This is why an increasing number of students are looking for internships.

At UMS, students apply for the internship either online or with the help of the head of the department. Once the students have been selected, they are required to complete the online internship application form. Qualification criteria would be called as an interview at the company. Lastly, the students will be given a letter after an internship placement confirmation from the company's human resource department.

While some employers recruit students during the Internship Fair and Career Day organized by UMS, many students are free to look for their own placements. Associate Professor of Tourism Management, Temenggong Kamaruddin Yaakob, said that the university had a strong network with companies which could provide internship opportunities. He added that students have the opportunity to apply for internships through the university's website and the job portal.

"The internship is one of the most important components of a graduate's curriculum. It is an opportunity for students to apply the knowledge they have gained in their studies in a real-world setting. During the internship, students learn about the corporate world and gain valuable work experience," he said.

However, the students have the responsibility to find their own internship placements. This is because most employers require students to have been working for at least six months before accepting them as full-time employees. Therefore, students must be proactive in searching for internship opportunities and not just wait for companies to contact them.

"We encourage students to reach out to companies they are interested in and ask if they are looking for interns. This is a good way to gain work experience, build a professional network and increase the chances of getting a job offer," said Kamaruddin.

The internship process is highly flexible, allowing students to tailor their experience to their career goals. Students can choose to work in various fields, such as marketing, sales, customer service, or administrative positions. This is why students should take advantage of this opportunity to explore different career paths and find the one that best suits their interests.

"The internship is not just a way to gain work experience but also a chance for students to discover their passion. It is a great opportunity to find a career that you love," said Kamaruddin.

In conclusion, internship is a crucial component of a graduate's curriculum. It is a way to gain work experience, build a professional network and discover a career that you love. Therefore, students should take advantage of this opportunity and make the most of their internship experience.