

## Mathematical Sciences student Roweena developed industry skills and contacts through an internship at NJW Data Solutions

**How did you find and apply for the role?** I went to an employer panel event hosted by my college, where I met the CEO of NJW. I connected with him on LinkedIn and followed up the contact after. He put me in touch with the head of HR and I sent my CV (checked by a Career Zone consultant) to both of them. They invited me to an open day in London where I met more of the team and some of their clients (again a good networking opportunity!) and it was here that they formally offered me the internship.



**What was your role?** Creating a new dashboard within their existing software that gave clients the opportunity to check how 'eco' their assets are. The project brief was really broad, so I suggested changing the project to allow companies to see their carbon footprint and specifically which external factors were making their assets less 'green'. I therefore ended up coding a new 'dashboard' that displayed key stats on factors affecting their carbon footprint to clients, which presented the information in a clear and easily understandable way.

**Tell us about an achievement you were proud of.** I was really proud when the final program was complete. It had been my project from start to finish and I'd had to learn complex new skills and work under very strict time constraints in order to create it. By the end it was fully functioning and ready to be used by clients. Given I was only there for 2 weeks, I thought that wasn't bad!

**Did the role open up new opportunities for you?** Contacts! I met so many people in industry throughout the process, from the initial panel event, to the NJW open day in London, to colleagues and clients during the internship itself. I've kept in touch with the CEO; he told me to get in touch if I'm ever looking for work.

**What advice would you give to fellow students applying for internships?** Don't be afraid to network. Have the confidence to approach employers and ask for opportunities. The worst that can happen is they'll say no! If you do manage to get that internship, don't be afraid to ask questions - they've taken on an intern because they're happy to teach - but always be aware that your colleagues will be busy and have their own work to do, so ask your questions and communicate concisely.