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The SBB internship is a great opportunity to apply the knowledge you gained during the Fundamentals courses in a real business environment. As a Portfolio Management trainee at Novartis, I am working in a big team of Technical Project Leaders, Global Resource Managers, a Global Project Office Manager and two Global Heads Portfolio Management. Together we are responsible for leading and managing the innovative projects in the Biologics portfolio of the company. Our portfolio covers all 'late-phase development' biologic projects meaning from the moment a project enters the clinical trial phases until product launch and post-launch operations. Some of my main responsibilities during the internship are managing financial resources, tracking and communicating project development, giving support to one of our technical development teams and setting-up and developing a Portfolio database that includes visualizations of project data. During the internship I am based in Basel, Switzerland at the city-like campus and headquarters of Novartis. Through my work I get to experience and learn first-hand how fundamental research and business are co-dependent and equally important for a company like Novartis. As a global leader in the industry, Novartis focusses on science-based innovation and new business approaches to revolutionize healthcare and expand access to medicines for patients.

A virtual tour of the Novartis campus in Basel: <http://campus.novartis.com/>

The Biologics Technical Development & Manufacturing division: <http://btdmstory.com/>



The process of finding an internship depends on what you would like to do and what your ambitions are. Suggestions and offers to apply for SBB internships are regularly posted on Blackboard, but you are free to explore and pursue other internship opportunities if you desire. I have always wanted to do an internship abroad, preferably at a globally leading company, and orientated myself accordingly when I started looking for an internship position. Important when trying to find an internship by yourself (especially if you want to go abroad) is taking initiative, being persistent and to start exploring your possibilities early on. Networking and submitting open applications can be very helpful with the process as companies might be able to offer internship positions that they are not necessarily advertising on their company website. This is how I eventually was able to choose between a Marketing internship with Bayer in Dubai, UAE, or a Portfolio Management internship with Novartis in Basel.



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