

Harinee Shanmugasundararaj hones finance skills as a DSHS Intern

A public health state agency isn't necessarily the first place you would expect business interns to work, but the many DSHS interns have supported the agency by working on projects related to budgeting, finance, risk assessment and accounting. Learn more about this UT Dallas Finance and Economics student's experience.



What are you studying?

I am currently working on my Bachelor of Science in Finance and Economics at the The University of Texas at Dallas.

Why did you want to work for DSHS, and in this department?

I wanted to intern at DSHS to serve my community. I wanted to intern with the Fiscal Monitoring Unit to learn more about my field and gain valuable experience.

What projects have you been working on?

I have been working on the GC-11 Equipment Tracking project, which tracks equipment given to grantees across the state of Texas.

How has your experience been with the DSHS virtual internship programming?

DSHS virtual programming has been a great way to explore the opportunities that DSHS offers and to network with other employees to learn more about their roles and day-to-day activities.

How has your internship experience been with DSHS?

My internship experience with DSHS has been extremely rewarding. Knowing that my work will make a difference for my community has been extremely inspirational and motivational.

How has this internship prepared you to go out into the workforce?

I have learned new skills and enhanced the skills I already had. The new knowledge I gained will prove incredibly useful for all the future opportunities I pursue. I feel more prepared than ever for entering the workforce upon graduation.



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