

Executive Summary
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My internship experience with the Office of the Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Office of Planning and Research was a substantive and rewarding. During my internship I improved my writing and research skills by leaps and bounds and learned about the importance of information in Government. My supervisor, Brook Taylor, was understanding, friendly and appreciative which made working underneath him a pleasure. He has worked with interns before and understands the learning curve each must go through but works to improve the skills of anyone working underneath him.

The projects we were assigned typically required heavy research condensed into one or two page memos that maximized information and clarity. These projects were on a range of subjects from the economy to California's history but mostly concerned meetings the Governor and his staff were going to be holding. Largely, we vetted the meetings to make sure no bad press would result and also to prepare the Governor for what conversations might occur.

I would recommend an internship at the Office of Planning and Research for anyone looking to work hard and learn critical skills. We were allocated a few projects to be completed by the end of our internship however; we were given the freedom to create our own work order to complete the task. The projects I worked on included research on Small and medium business in subSaharan Africa, collecting information about the Global Entrepreneurship Week in Asia and creating a webpage on the emerging BRIC economies. The research I conducted was extremely interesting and I have developed a great interest in those subjects. My internship was very fruitful and I would highly recommend it for anyone who is interested in working seriously.