Deallus Consulting

Deallus Consulting hired Kirsty Wood, a Structural Biology PhD student, through the UCL Summer Internship Scheme in 2017. Here is what they had to say about the experience.

- **What were your aims or expectations for the internship before it began and to what extent were they met?**
  
  Kirsty was expected to provide scientific and clinical input into research that will have a commercial focus. She was expected to have a strong scientific background to provide support on summarizing key trends and developments in the pharma industry – she exceeded expectations as she quickly added value by providing clear research and identifying opportunities.

- **What did the role involve doing?**
  
  The internship consisted of commercial, clinical, and scientific analysis in different therapeutic areas such as CNS, Oncology, Infectious disease and Antibiotics developments. Under supervision, she has conducted both primary and secondary research, analysing findings and generating insights in line with client objectives.

- **How would you describe your intern and their input?**
  
  She was very quick to seek responsibilities and understand new concepts, she was very thorough in her research and team leaders were very positive about her contributions to the team. She was integral in putting together an extensive landscape in the CNS space and continued to refine this landscape without assistance.

- **How did the UCL Summer Internship Scheme help your organisation?**
  
  We have a limited budget for internship opportunities, of which a substantial amount had already been accounted for, so it is unlikely we would have been able to hire Kirsty without the assistance from UCL Summer Internships Scheme in association with Santander.

  From both an employer and intern perspective, I highly recommend taking part in this program. For the intern, getting exposure to the world of pharmaceutical business in such a fast-paced, hands-on environment is invaluable and as a small organisation, having access to such talent whom we can develop and make long-lasting relationships with is good from both a recruitment perspective and for our CSR (corporate social responsibility).