Assignment 5

Final Reflections

(a) What did you learn on the technical or operational side of your job?

I learnt how to verify data, gather data and how to source its references. I learnt how to format documents in the APA format and use WordPress to publish it online.

(b) What did you learn on the behavioral side?

I learnt how to interact with peers, my managers, and clients, how to approach anything with a professional demeanor, and present my work in a systemic manner.

(c) Has the internship had any effect on your future career goals and plans?

The internship has given me valuable work experience in data research which is a critical part of any company’s plans which partake in Research and Development. It has given me a good opportunity to experience what a research role would be like, in case I decide to pursue a PhD.

(d) Describe the leadership, communication, and ethical practices you have observed.

I have observed that effective leadership is not just delegation of tasks(management), it is also nurturing the thought process your juniors might have and giving that thought a direction. Communication is important as it makes tasks easier. Ethical practices are important as in a role like this, people often are looking for answers, and will not look for further verification. It is important to be very careful about what you put out there.

(e) How would you describe the culture of your organization?

The culture is very open, friendly and people are willing to have conversations as if you are a friend. The nature of the organization made me want to work happily and stick to ethical practices.

(f) What are the most important personal “soft skills” you learned during this experience?

The most important soft skills I have learnt are teamwork, communication, and management. I have experienced how influential these 3 can be on the progress of work in an organization.

(g) Describe how previous coursework was applied during your internship - identify specific courses.

Previous coursework that helped me with this internship were – IST 625, IST 614, IST 621

(h) Did your internship change any ideas about your future program of study when you return to school?

No, my internship did not change my ideas for my future. It did leave me open to the idea of pursuing a PhD in the future, but my goal still remains to work as a Data Analyst in a corporate world.