How I came to work at the Carbon Trust

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About the Carbon Trust

- The Carbon Trust is a world-leading organization helping businesses, governments and the public sector to accelerate the move to a sustainable, low carbon economy through carbon reduction, energy-saving strategies and commercializing low carbon technologies
- As part of this mission, the Carbon Trust offers a number of standards for organizations to demonstrate that they have measured, managed and reduced their environmental impact
- Currently the company offers a carbon, water and waste standard, and we are working on the development of a supply chain standard for carbon
My role

› I work as an Analyst in the Certification department
› I assess clients’ submissions and give my opinion on whether they should be certified or recertified to one of our standards
› I am also involved in quality management and product development
› Worked on the development of the world’s first organizational waste standard, which rewards organizations for reducing their waste arisings year-on-year
› Was in charge of revamping our existing standard for carbon
› Part of a small team developing the new supply chain standard

How did I come to work at the Carbon Trust?

1. For me everything started with having high grades
2. I got involved
› I went on a student exchange to Australia, where I volunteered with the Sustainability Department
› My main task was to draft a few proposals for managing campus waste
3. When I came back from Australia I took the Independent Study course
› As part of this course I got involved in two internships, one with SolarShare and one with Toronto Sustainability Speaker Series
› For SolarShare my job was to research the potential of ammonia as an alternative fuel for combustion engines
› For TSSS I wrote a number of articles on sustainability and climate change
How did I get a job at the Carbon Trust?

Once I had a few internships under my belt, I decided to go for the big fish and apply for an internship at the Carbon Trust in the summer of 2013.

I was accepted.

My job at the Carbon Trust was to work on the development of the Waste Standard.

I worked in collaboration with my manager, and in three months we had the final product.

At the end of August when I was due to come back I heard that a position was opening up, I applied, and got the job.

Key takeaways

1. Think of where you see yourself in the future
   - Research careers and internship/employment opportunities
2. Get involved
   - Around campus, with NGOs, etc.
3. Network
   - Go to events, conferences, etc.
4. Don’t give up
   - I applied to dozens of internships last summer, and when I didn’t hear back from any of them I was ready to throw in the towel
5. Be your own boss
   - Don’t let university (i.e. the curriculum) restrict you...there are plenty of opportunities out there

Getting involved, high grades, commitment and perseverance are the key!
Contact

› If anyone wants to have a chat about careers and networking, feel free to contact me

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