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I GOT MY FIRST INTERNSHIP AT THE AGE OF 27

Molatelolo Maila, Brand Intern, shares her story



After completing my BTech in Public Relations Management and graduated in 2021, I was excited and hopeful to enter the job market and start my career. However, I quickly realised that the job market in our country is tough, especially for us youth. I searched high and low for an opportunity to just be an intern at least or a temporal job, to no avail. I became despondent.

I am fortunate that I have strong family support and their love and encouragement carried me through this challenging phase of trying to find a job. I eventually left Johannesburg and headed back home to Limpopo, where I then started to volunteer my time at Mabeba Primary School in Botlokwa where I grew up. This assisted me to gain understanding and knowledge of the workplace, children, and the community.

In 2021, I was fortunate enough to be appointed as a BRAND INTERN at Thebe Investment Corporation. This is an opportunity I do not take lightly because I am able to follow a path of my chosen field and gain the much-needed experience.

The value of internships cannot be underestimated among the youth. An internship role is a JOB. It assists with gaining the much-needed hands on experience for a period of 12 months at least. The professional environment has its own dynamics that one needs to learn such as how meetings are run, corporate language, and culture.

This intern position received over 200 applications. This shows the dire need for jobs amongst us the youth. I was fortunate to be appointed. My advice to my fellow youth job seekers is to persevere and while waiting for that one opportunity, consider volunteering and gain some skills even in an unrelated field, this will go a long way to build confidence especially in interviews. With the experience I'm gaining at Thebe I hope to use the opportunity wisely to develop my skills so that I better prepare for my next steps in my career.

Building Communities is what Thebe does best. I am the community. Thebe is building me, and I say thank you Thebe.