An Interview with ANSC Undergraduate Student Kaitlin Reyes on Her Internship Experience at Pfizer Research & Development

Q: Where did you intern, and when?

I interned at Pfizer Research & Development in Groton, CT with the Developmental and Reproductive Toxicology (DART) group in the summer of 2019.

Q: Was it a paid internship? What did you do there?

Yes, it was paid! I was able to participate in a method development study of micro-CT scanning. We used this method to determine skeletal malformations of fetal rabbits and rats when given a known teratogen (drug that induces birth defects). At the end of the summer, I was able to present my results at a site-wide poster session.

Q: When did you apply for this internship?

I applied in early February, but I believe applications for the Student Worker Program at Pfizer were open until mid-March.

Q: How long did the internship last?

It lasted for about three months. They were very flexible on start and end dates.

Q: How did you learn about this opportunity?

I took the ANSC seminar course and one of the guest speakers was from Pfizer.

Q: Anything else you'd like to add about your experience?

It was a really cool opportunity to work at Pfizer. The Student Worker Program allows you to connect with other interns (there are about 80 or 90 of them each summer) that are doing other really cool projects. There are also intern events where you can learn about drug development, counterfeit drugs, green chemistry, and more.

Q: What is your area of interest as an ANSC major?

I was initially Pre-Vet but I am now considering grad school. I enjoy studying disease in animals and working with the dairy cows on campus.

Q: So, what are your plans when you graduate?

I would like to work in research of infectious diseases or diagnostics and am planning on attending graduate or veterinary school at some point.

Q: If someone has questions, can they contact you regarding your internship experience?

Of course! Please email me at kaitlin.reyes@uconn.edu