

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of Study

An internship is a professional learning experience that offers meaningful, practical work related to a student's field of study or career interest. An internship gives a student the opportunity for career exploration and development, and to learn new skills (University of Maryland, 2022). According to Indeed, internships can help someone gain valuable work experience, fulfill college requirements and give student material to add to the resume. Internship can introduce student to many aspects of full-time employment while allowing student to explore their interests and form student personal career goals. A good internship provides us the following:

1. Job experience — Internship will provide a lot of experience and knowledge that is different from college. Work experience can support intern's *curriculum vitae* when looking for work later.
2. A good mentor — Intern should look for a good mentor to get their foundation right.
3. A product or project — At the end of the internship, intern should have developed/built/produced something tangible. Something the intern can cherish as an accomplishment.
4. Learning — Intern may learn new skills and knowledge while working on the internship product or project. Intern will also learn a whole bunch of intangible things when they work in a professional workplace.

Based on the explanation above, it can be seen that internships are very beneficial from many sides, therefore Ottimmo International provides internship options for students to better understand how the food industry actually works.

To complete studies at Ottimmo International MasterGourmet Academy, the author did an internship at BRAUD Artisan Bakery located on Jl. Morotai Island No.45, Denpasar City, Bali. The author's reason for choosing BRAUD as a place for internship is because of the author's passion in making pastry and bakery products. The name BRAUD is also well-known among tourists because of its delicious pastry products. The author wants to learn more about the techniques and knowledge of pastry specifically and BRAUD Artisan Bakery happens to run 3 different sections of pastry and bakery.

The duration of the internship is 6 months starting from January 11th, 2023 to July 11th, 2023. The author carries out an internship in the lamination section for 2 months, the pastry section for 1 month, and the bakery section for 3 months. During the internship, the author helps the staff to carry out their respective job, starting from preparing tools and materials in making products, making products to baking products.

Overall, the internship program provided by the campus is very beneficial for students to gain work experience and open up new knowledge before entering the real world of work. In addition to the two things that have been mentioned, internship opportunities can also provide interns with connections and relationships with new people, who might be useful for them in the future.