

# STRIVE INTERNSHIP

## INTERVIEW WITH AMINA JAMA

### **Can you tell us your name and what are you studying?**

My name is Amina, and I am currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in English literature.

### **How did you first hear about the Strive internship with Intellect Books?**

I first heard about Strive through my universities career services and was interested in the opportunity. The chance to gain hands-on experience in publishing really appealed to me, so naturally I applied!

### **What kind of projects or tasks have you been working on during your internship?**

I've worked on a wide range of tasks during my internship at Intellect Books that I have found both enriching and enjoyable. Some of the key responsibilities included: proofreading academic articles, drafting social media copy for journals and conducting book review research.

### **What's been your favourite part of the experience so far?**

My favourite part has been the variety and unpredictability of the tasks. It kept the experience dynamic and engaging, whether I was editing journal content or supporting marketing campaigns, there was always something new to learn and I was never bored.

### **Have you learned any new skills you weren't expecting?**

Yes, I developed several unexpected skills in Excel, including how to create and use pivot table, which has been interesting to learn.

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**How do you think this internship will help you in your career or studies?**

It helped to steer me in the right direction, in terms of future career goals and has given me a window into what a career in publishing might look like. It has also allowed me to see academic texts in a whole new light, due to the sheer amount of hard work both academics and publishers invest in creating them.

**Any memorable moments or highlights you'd like to share?**

An unexpected highlight was proofreading my first Online First article. Although proofreading may not seem like the most glamorous task, I noticed my skills improving with article I proofread. A takeaway is that every task is a new opportunity to learn something, even the ones that might not seem as exciting!

**If you could describe this internship in three words, what would they be?**

Unexpected, rewarding, insightful

**What advice would you give to someone considering applying for the Strive internship?**

It is a great opportunity so definitely consider applying, particularly if you're interested in getting professional experience before you finish your degree.

**Why should someone take part in this program with Intellect Books?**

If you are interested in publishing, Intellect Books is the perfect place to do an internship! It is an independent, academic publisher so you would be working for a local company here in Bristol and the team is incredibly friendly and great to work with. Also, for the duration of the internship you would be splitting half of your time with production, and the other with marketing, which will hopefully give you a well-rounded experience in both departments! I really enjoyed my internship and I'm sure you will too, if you're interested in publishing then I would say go for it!