Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme

EarlyModern@Essex History project

The aim of the EarlyModern@Essex project is to create an online database of Early Modern Primary sources that is easily accessible for students and historians.

My UROP

As a Student working on the EarlyModern@essex project my job was to provide useful ideas to improve database accessibility for students. As part of this I had to analyse primary sources given to me by the lecturers. I checked through to see what might need further explanation or translation and so ease understanding and speed up the reading of such sources for students.

The EarlyModern@Essex project provides you with a variety of different experiences and helps develop your skills:

• Experience of an application process and an Interview for which you will receive useful feedback
• Work with lecturers on their own modules.
• Help to create a database for the use of all early modern history students
• Last but not least get paid at the same time!

My aim after graduation is to go into post graduate study and hopefully enter academia. I feel that the UROP programme was very useful for this as it helped me to further develop my skills of primary source analysis which should be useful for the rest of my studies. Additionally the program made me more familiar with the work of lecturers which I think supports my aim of becoming a lecturer myself.