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In the summer of 2021, between my second and third bachelor year, I worked two weeks as an intern for DBBE.

The internship was in many ways an enriching experience. Naturally, I learned a lot about what book epigrams are, about the context in which they came to existence, about the different types and variations of book epigrams... But I gained more than theoretical knowledge. My tasks during the internship were mostly administrative: linking historical persons to identifying sources, adding online journals to the database... I feel now that this has improved my online searching skills, which are indispensable for a student. Working with DBBE has also increased my understanding of how a database is made and maintained. As students, we use databases without realizing how many people work very hard to make them as complete as possible, but there is a whole team working behind the scenes to optimize the database to the needs of its users.

Last but not least, I got to work with an incredible team of professionals. I was warmly welcomed in the office and everyone was really helpful whenever I had a question or problem.

To conclude, the internship was a very instructive and enjoyable experience, which I would recommend to anyone with an interest in Byzantine literature, an academic career, the working of databases or who is just looking for an interesting internship.