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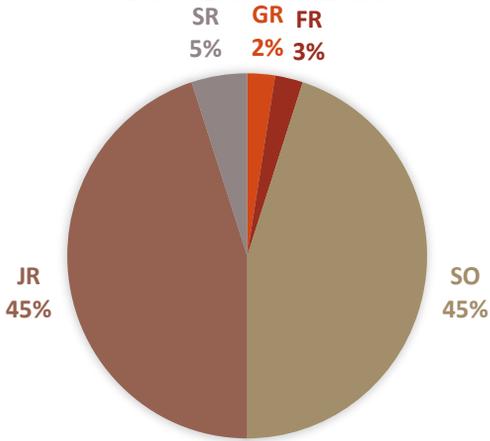
Program Statement: *The Iacocca International Internship Program (IIIP) provides practical work experience, grounded in global context, aimed at enhancing students' career readiness and intercultural competency.*

Travel resumed in 2022 and this was the first time to facilitate internships in a hybrid fashion, with 32 students working in country and eight students working virtually for overseas host organizations. Thank you to our program partners, IES Abroad and SIT, as well as the organizations who directly hosted our students.

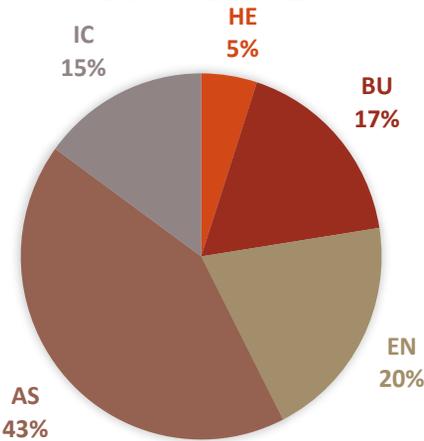
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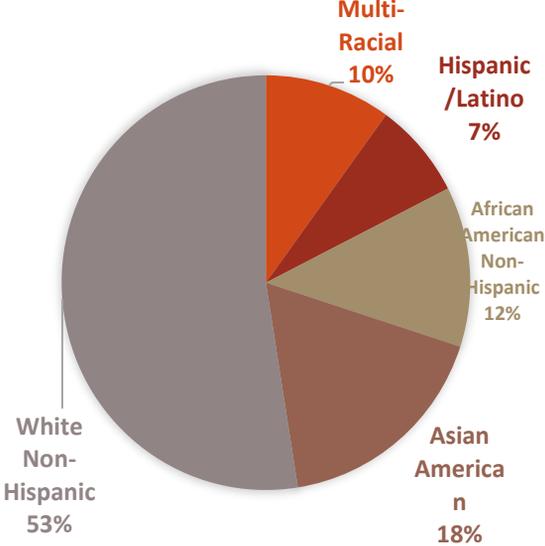
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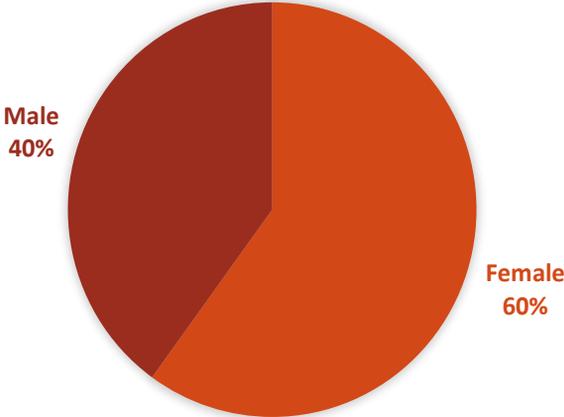
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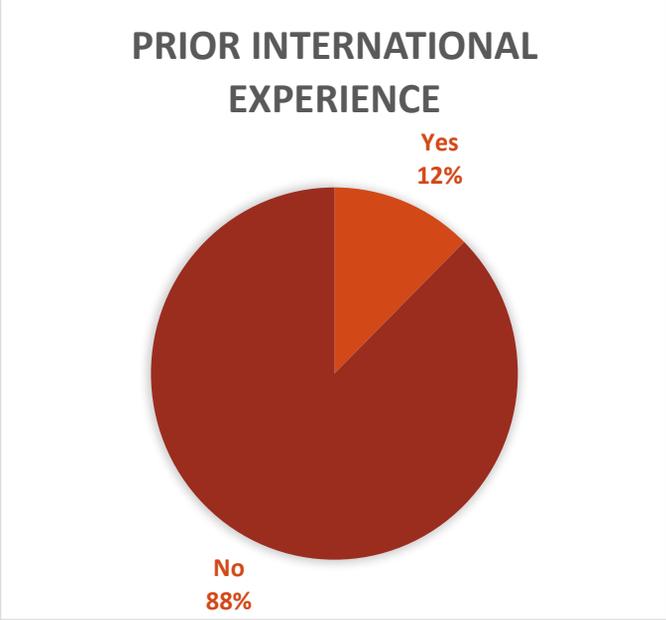
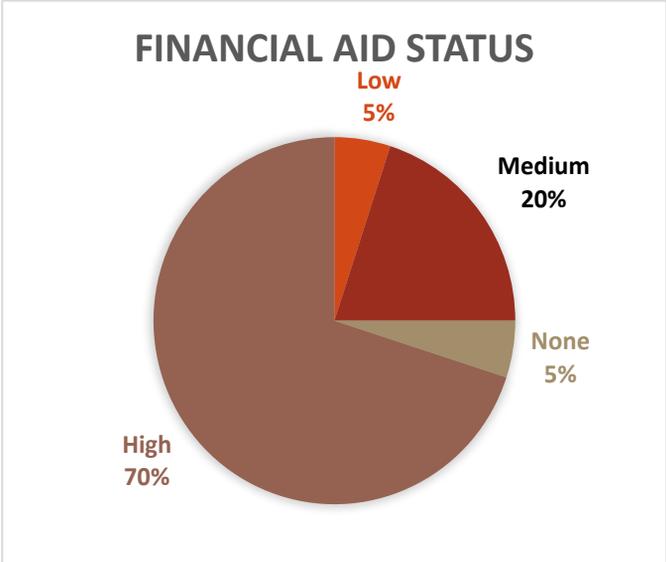


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Tanzida Ahmed

Italy

College of
Business &
Economics
Management



NoLogo
Management

HR Intern

Company and Position Description: This summer I worked for NoLogo Management, which is a modeling agency in Milan, Italy. NoLogo is a small agency that manages models from all over the world and finds them the best bookings to further develop their careers. I was an HR intern for NoLogo and some of my responsibilities included communicating with modeling agencies in the U.S to expand NoLogo's client outreach on behalf of the bookers, updating contracts and photo documentation of the models through a data platform called model studio, and collaborating with my international team members to create a strategic outreach plan for the agency to optimize recruitment of US-based models. One of the most unique and by far my favorite experience I had at NoLogo was working with my team during Milan Men's Fashion Week to execute casting runway roles for brands such as Giorgio Armani and Dolce & Gabbana.



NoLogo Workspace



My Coworkers

Tanzida Ahmed

Italy



Venice, Italy



Visiting mountains

Value Derived from the Experience: Despite the cultural differences and language barrier I faced during my time in Italy, I would have to say that it was one of the greatest and most unique experiences of my life. I struggled a lot at work during the first couple of weeks of my internship because the learning style was completely different than what I was used to. I expected to have a structured schedule with daily tasks, but my workplace wanted me to seek tasks myself and learn from the work they did every day. Although there were several days that were challenging I was able to learn and grow from my experiences and the mistakes I've made. I learned that taking initiative is crucial in the workplace wherever I am because it shows that I am interested in the job I'm doing and I am always willing to do more. The biggest lesson that I learned from my experience this summer is that I always have to try again if I fail at something the first time around.

Martina Albin

Spain

College of
Arts &
Sciences

Journalism



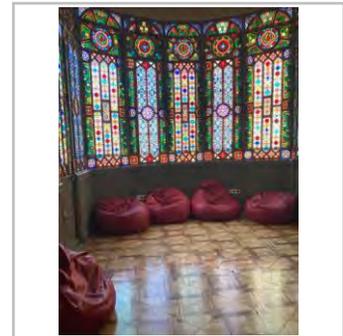
Sant Jordi Hostels

Marketing Intern

Company and Position Description: Sant Jordi Hostels is a company that runs three hostels in Barcelona and one in Lisbon. Each of the hostels has its own theme to make travels a unique experience. Rock Palace is seen as the party hostel as the decorations are inspired by rock and modern music. It attracts a lot of customers because it has a rooftop pool. Sant Jordi Sagrada Familia is a skater hostel as it has an indoor skate ramp. The decorations are art and graffiti. Sant Jordi Hostels Garcia is seen as the hipster hostel, with its more calming atmosphere. In Lisbon, the hostel is more designer and chic; it also has its own imperial bar. The motto of the hostel is "more than a hostel, a life experience". The company wants their hostel to be remembered and rather than a random place people stay during travels. For the company I worked as a marketing intern in which I researched and created marketing strategies to attract customers. Additionally, I worked on content creation. I created Instagram stories and reels as well as articles about Barcelona and the hostel.



Hostels Mantra



Hostelzen

Martina Albin

Spain



Spanish Dish: Paella



Barcelona Cathedral

Value Derived from the Experience: Spain was a wonderful country to explore as it was my first time traveling out of the country. Personally, I learned how to spend time alone and to explore Barcelona by myself. I stepped outside of my comfort zone by doing that. I learned how to enjoy time to myself. Professionally, I learned that marketing was not the environment in which I want to work in the future. I also learned some valuable communication and patience skills that I can use in jobs to come.

Hamza Ali

Hong Kong

College of Arts &
Sciences

Computer Science



Hutchison Ports

Terminal
Development
Intern

Company and Position Description: Hutchinson Ports operates ports in 26 countries in Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, the Americas and Australia. They also strive to be more efficient at their locations. In my internship, I was looking for a way to accurately model the waiting times of autonomous trucks at a terminal.



A terminal at Hutchison Ports



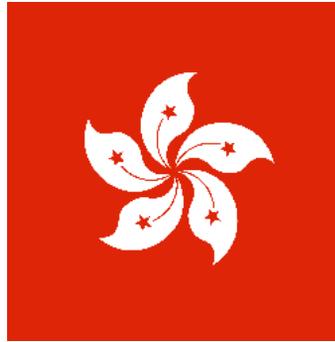
Autonomous Trucks

Hamza Ali

Hong Kong



Street Food is a Big Thing in Hong Kong



Hong Kong Life is Fast-Paced

Value Derived from the Experience: This experience helped show me what path I want to go into in terms of career (modeling and simulations). It was a bit stressful at times, but slowly I started taking more initiative and started leading the conversation during the meetings. It was very rewarding to see that my work will probably be used in planning for big projects.

Samantha Cardenas

Chile

College of Arts &
Sciences

Psychology &
English



Yunus Peñalolén

Occupational
Psychologist Intern

Company and Position Description: This summer, I worked at Yunus Peñalolén in their Santiago, Chile office as an occupational psychologist intern. In this position, I had the opportunity to shadow and complete various tasks with my supervisor. I shadowed clinical interviews and tests that my supervisor conducted, and oversaw, under an occupational psychology context. Additionally, I had the opportunity to work with my supervisor to learn how he reviewed psychological reports and notes from the interviews he conducted. Overall, this internship was a great experience to learn about these clinical tasks I might encounter in the future workforce and to also learn about the work environment of an occupational psychologist.



Summer Work Team



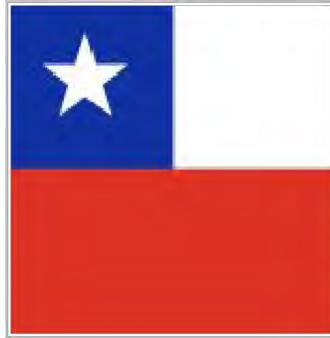
Yunus Peñalolén Office

Samantha Cardenas

Chile



Brooke & I in Valparaiso



Patagonia Weekend Trip

Value Derived from the Experience: To begin, this internship was an extremely valuable opportunity that gave me knowledge and experience in a corporate work environment in the field of psychology, which is unique from common psychology jobs like private practices and offices. This experience provided me with essential information that can now help me when I am considering future career pathways after graduation. Additionally, I have learned important skills about conducting clinical interviews and writing clinical reports in a psychological context that will be helpful to my future career.

Aside from my internship, living in Chile for two months was an unforgettable experience that provided me with a lot of lessons. I got to live in the center of Santiago and had the experience of making my own schedule and commuting around Chile, while living with my best friend Brooke which made my internship so memorable. I also got to learn how to communicate in Spanish both in my workplace and daily life which was important in teaching me how to communicate more clearly and efficiently. All around, I am extremely grateful for this internship and the Iacocca program for making this possible.

Ashley Carper

Italy

College of Arts
& Science

Biology



University of
Rome, Tor
Vergata

Anatomy Lab Intern

Company and Position Description: I was placed at the University of Rome, Tor Vergata in their Anatomy Lab. I was considered an intern in this lab. Within the lab there were four different areas of research being conducted but I focused in the brain cancer lab. In this lab, I was able to shadow a PhD student and perform various tasks for her such as PCR tests, immunofluorescent staining's, and western blot analysis.



Me and the other interns at work!



A picture of my workspace!

Ashley Carper

Italy



The Colosseum!



The street I lived on!

Value Derived from the Experience: I learned a lot from this experience, some that I cannot begin to put in to words. Going in to my internship and my time in Rome, I was super nervous and excited for the eight and a half weeks ahead of me. It was definitely a struggle to acclimate to their laid-back culture but being able to make these changes is definitely something that I can use in my work life moving forward. I feel like this experience has not only given me an internship that I was able to learn a lot in, but also allowed me to learn to be adaptable to different situations that are out of my control. It is definitely a once in a lifetime experience that I wouldn't change for the world!

Ilias Chekkori

Germany

College of
Engineering

Computer Science



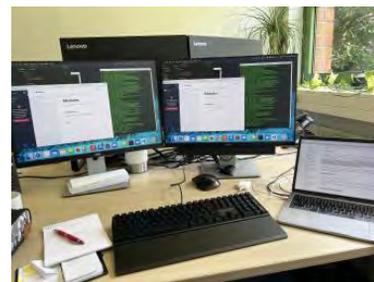
TU-Dortmund

Software
Development
intern

Company and Position Description: I worked at the Institute of Energy Systems, Energy Efficiency, and Energy Economics (ie3) at TU-Dortmund, Germany. Their work focuses on evaluating the German energy and grid situation and developing innovative solutions to help deal with current and future energy issues. This effort is supported through multiple projects and partnerships with companies throughout Europe, which explains why the main office is located in the Technologie Zentrum Dortmund, a technology center where multiple tech companies come together and tackle different problems. My main task during the internship was to work on a software development project where I would design a web-based software tool used to be able to remotely monitor and control all lab equipment in the testing center. I worked in a small team where I focused mainly on the front-end aspect of the tool. By the end of my internship, we were able to roll out an Alpha version and make it public.



My team and I



My office desk

Ilias Chekkori

Germany



Picture with Friends



Cologne, Germany

Value Derived from the Experience: Undoubtedly this has been one of the most impactful experiences both culturally and professionally. I have had the chance to explore the Rhur Area of Germany, making many friends along the way. The central location of Dortmund also allowed me to travel to numerous neighboring countries such as France, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, and Belgium. It was an enriching and immersive experience that I will cherish for the rest of my life. Along the way, I have learned so much about how to navigate the German workplace and apply the knowledge that I have to tackle real-world issues. I was put to the test many times through tricky situations with the language barrier and navigating complicated public transportation, but after every challenge, I grew more knowledgeable and learned from my mistakes. This experience taught me that tribulations are part of life and shouldn't be feared. Having to live in a foreign country for two months isn't the easiest thing to do, being an intern at a German company is even more difficult, but the newfound perspective and experiences were well worth it. In the end, my Iaccoca experience was very impactful and is one step forward in becoming a global citizen. It taught me to take more risks and learn from others. It showed me how much growth can come from traveling

Gibby DiCenso

Italy

College of Business
& Economics

Marketing



Net4Market

Marketing/
Graphic Design
Intern

Company and Position Description: At Net4market, we primarily focused on website development, and social media post creation. Within the website, we worked to design mock-ups on AdobeXD, to redesign the existing websites of Net4market and Network Imprese and to start new designs on their up and coming website, News4market. We then took our designs into Wordpress, the program used to create website layouts, and the designs. To do so, we had to gain an understanding of the coding languages of HTML and CSS. Additionally, we had to learn about and work to improve the company websites SEO, or search engine optimization by writing meta descriptions, and focusing on what improvements needed to be made to the websites to decrease clutter, and increase efficiency. On Wordpress, we copied the designs into the program very methodically, with exact calculations of image/text sizing, and color choices. These drafts were tested multiple times for accuracy, until we developed final products for the website previews.

Separately from web-design, we used AdobeXD, Photoshop, and Illustrator to create social media posts and advertising content about Net4market as a whole, the welfare practices of the company, the functions of the e-procurement software, and more. We made individual as well as carousel posts for Instagram, LinkedIn, and Facebook.



Website Templates on AdobeXD



Social Media Carousel Post

Gibby DiCenso

Italy



Tent sale day



Historic Duomo in Cremona

Value Derived from the Experience: From this experience, I feel that I learned a lot about myself, my work ethic, and my global skills. I proved to my coworkers, boss and supervisor that I was really dedicated to understanding their culture by trying to learn their language, and participate in their community events like festivals on Thursday nights in July. I realized that I am capable of being creative even in technological fields of work; I thought that I would struggle in excelling in this type of work, but I found ways to still express myself creatively, in a way that my bosses appreciated. I feel that professionally I have gained such a broad skillset in web design and social media design that will be of value to me in any type of position in marketing, and in the business world overall. I have definitely gained a competitive edge as a potential employee for any company, as I put everything I had into this experience to learn as much as possible, cultivate relationships with my coworkers, and embrace an entirely new culture. By constantly paying attention to my surroundings, I gained a newfound appreciation for the Italian "way of life" that I found was a lot more down to earth than the way Americans are typically overworked, and stressed out.

Tim DiPalo

Italy

College of
Business &
Economics



Amaris Consulting

Supply Chain
Mgmt & Finance

Consulting Intern

Company and Position Description: Amaris Consulting is a technology consulting company with many locations across Europe. Amaris provides consulting services in four major industries: Information Systems & Digital, Telecom, Life Sciences and Engineering.

The office that I interned at in Milan, Italy was focusing on two major projects with Nestle and Nespresso. The majority of the projects that I worked on during my internship were focused on the recruiting and hiring processes. I looked over resumes, searched for clients, and analyzed their recruiting process from an outside point of view. My most in depth project was examining Amaris' current recruiting process and suggesting improvements. I compared their hiring website and job listings to those of their competitors, sat in on interviews, and spoke with members of their recruiting team about their goals to ultimately suggest actionable improvements to their recruiting system. Additionally, during the last couple of weeks of my internship, I was able to shadow members of the supply chain management team in their daily activities.



My Workspace



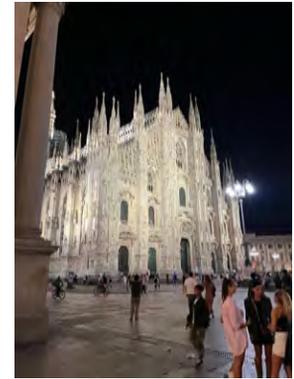
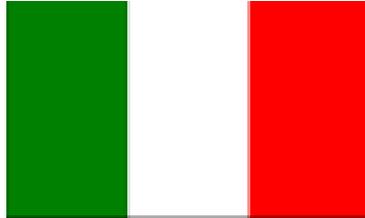
Breakroom

Tim DiPalo

Italy



Lunch at Lake Maggoire



Duomo at Night

Value Derived from the Experience: My experience in Italy within the Italian culture and through my internship has taught me a lot about myself, international cultures, and how I handle being in a foreign environment. Although a challenging experience, I feel as though I will return to the states with a new perspective and many new skills gained from my internship. I have learned a lot about what it means to be a good communicator, especially when working with people who come from different cultures. I also learned a lot about patience and how to manage my time and do more effective work throughout my internship.

Starting to understand the different attitudes and practices within the Italian culture and the reasons behind them has helped me to become more open-minded throughout this experience. This open-mindedness that I have built toward different cultures will strongly support my goal of getting comfortable with different cultures in the future. I also now have a much more in-depth understanding of international business and, more specifically, the consulting industry through my internship at Amaris Consulting.

Eirini Drosos

Ireland

College of Arts &
Sciences

Computer
Science



SCORE

Research Intern

Company and Position Description: SCORE (Smart Control of the Climate Resilience in European Coastal Cities) is a nonprofit research company based in various different coastal cities around the European Union. Their main goal is to develop easily implementable, climate-friendly strategies to adapt cities to varying levels of climate change. My position with the Dublin-based branch of the project was very pivotal. I helped to render various cities, including Rosses Point in Sligo and the Marina of Massa in Massa, Italy, using geographical data and different software. Ultimately, these rendering would be put into the popular video game Minecraft, and would be given to citizens of various ages in order to present climate issues to them in an easily approachable manner. The citizens would then be able to play around with the "cities" and help fend off climate change virtually, giving the real researchers ideas about how they could be scaled up to solve real-world problems.



Rosses Point Beach



Marina Di Massa, Italy

Eirini Drosos

Ireland



Belfast, Northern Ireland



Galway

Value Derived from the Experience: I gained many valuable things from this internship. For one, it has helped me narrow down my scope of interest in terms of possible career paths. While I really enjoyed the work I was doing, I am not sure that I would want to pursue that full time. Despite this, I learned a lot about climate initiatives in the EU and about various GIS software and procedures that I otherwise may not have ever known about. Culturally, Ireland was a very rich place to intern in. With so much fresh history, the country is ever-evolving, and Dublin itself is a very young city. Ireland is also very easily traversable; visiting Galway, Sligo, Belfast, and other cities on the island all give unique cultural perspectives that, when pieced together, provide important context about the country's socioeconomic, political, and cultural backgrounds.

Allison Duane

Chile

College of
Arts &
Sciences

Good Neighbors

Intern



Intern'l Affairs &
Economics

Company and Position Description: I worked for Good Neighbors Chile this summer. They strive to reduce inequality in children's education. They strive for equal and fair children's rights and educational opportunities. I helped the organization this summer by researching and writing a small paper, as well as creating infographics and promotional videos and posts to help educate people on GN and their mission. I also helped run a STEM/robotics event in one of the schools they collaborate with.



STEM Lesson



Hands on Learning

Allison Duane

Chile



Chilean Celebration



Ceremony

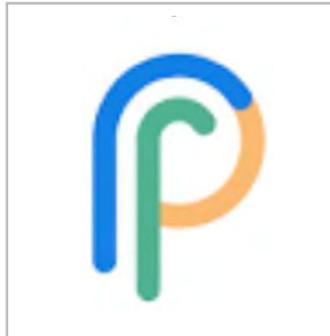
Value Derived from the Experience: This internship and experience with Good Neighbors in Chile were very valuable to me both professionally and personally. I learned about how NGOs can operate globally and with an international perspective, how work culture varies from country to country and how to adjust, as well as learning new research and marketing skills. The internship affirmed my belief that I want to work for a global NGO after graduation.

Julianna Duva

Australia

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Engineering



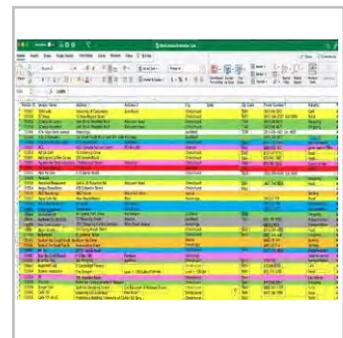
Paxform

Marketing
Manager

Company and Position Description: Paxform is a startup company that digitalizes forms and allows organizations to be able to share these forms with employees and others. Paxform consists of a mobile app where information is stored so that consumers can fill out forms more quickly, a Web application that companies and organizations will sign up for to be able to create forms on this platform that can be published onto the mobile app, and then a website where all the necessary support, contact, pricing, and FAQ information lives. My role at Paxform has been quite all over the place. I feel that if there was something to call my position it would be something like "executive secretary". With that, I am pretty much my boss's best friend. I began creating a Business Model Canvas for the company to be able to learn more about what they do and what their mission is. After, I went into software tasks and trying to locate bugs/glitches in the mobile application and then send those to developers to fix and edit. Then I became more in charge by being the only one with access to the key for the 2nd and 3rd floor of the office and the ability to book meeting rooms for us. I began hosting many of our stand-up meetings that occurred daily, and having frequent meetings with my boss, Chidi, discussing different topics that he wanted opinions on.



Dinner with Colleagues



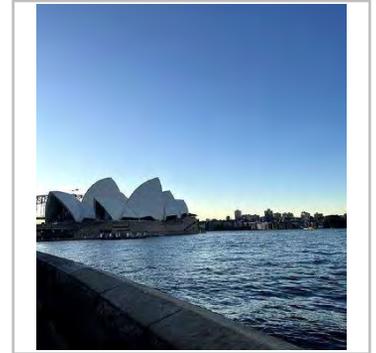
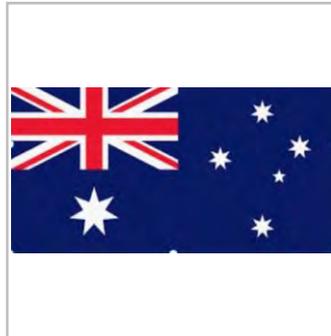
Analyzing Data in Excel

Julianna Duva

Australia



Australian Zoo



Opera House

Value Derived from the Experience: There are so many great things that I have learned from this experience. Almost too many to count. I have been able to gain time management skills where I am able to work on several tasks in a day for a certain period to be able to complete them by the designated timeline. I have learned how to communicate with those older than me and be able to interview potential candidates for a position at the company. In terms of career awareness, I have seen that you can do a lot more than you think you can. Being an engineer, I didn't know if this work was best suited for me. I now have experience in analytics, software engineering, marketing, and more because I took a chance. I can lead meetings confidently while recording other employees' tasks and am able to give feedback and take feedback extremely well. My cultural awareness has increased significantly, and I have developed a passion for learning about other cultures and how they operate in the workplace. I'm extremely grateful for this opportunity and for the amazing skills that I can take away from Australia - the professional but also the life skills that I have developed as well.

Sarah Elsayed

Ecuador

College of Arts &
Science

Earth &
Environmental



Education 4
Nature Galápagos

Environmental
Projects Intern

Company and Position Description: My internship involved the work of developing strategies to design, implement, and evaluate grassroots projects through the Education4Nature Galápagos, an NGO based in San Cristóbal, in Galápagos Islands. I specifically worked on the current restoration project that my organization was working on in the Hacienda Tranquila forest that focused on replanting numerous native species in the environment. My work included creating a database for the current trees and coming with strategies to tag them and monitor their growth in the forest. In addition, my work also included researching and sharing other environmental education projects around the world to further spread community-based restoration awareness.

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Escalecia Species in Galápagos



Hacienda Tranquila

Sarah Elsayed

Ecuador



San Cristóbal



Hacienda Tranquila

Value Derived from the Experience: This experience has been so rewarding and inspiring. The people I have met have aligned with the career path I would like to follow in my life and have been super helpful and inspiring to me.

This internship has allowed me to explore what I want to do in my career and helped to rekindle my passion for environmental science. I learned more on the value of environmental restoration in smaller communities and the value of involving the community in the projects. It is so important to reach out and integrate environmental education and learn more about the cultural impact of restoring this space. I hope to use what I've learned in future endeavors and along my career path.

Brooke Erickson

Chile

College of Arts &
Sciences

Health, Medicine,
Society & Psych.

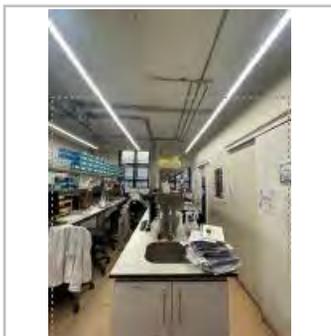


University of San
Sebastian

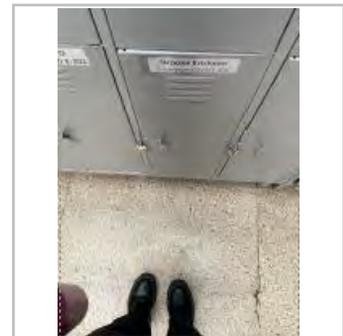
Research
Assistant

Company and Position Description: I worked for the Molecular Microbiology and Food Research lab within the University of San Sebastian in Santiago, Chile. My supervisor was Dr. Waldo Diaz and I also was able to learn about the research that each individual student was conducting within the lab. At first, I was assigned several articles to get insight into how the lab was functioning and learn more about the biological aspects. After a lot of brainstorming with my supervisor regarding what I was interested in, what I felt comfortable doing, and what I thought would benefit me and my career path, I was given two tasks. The first task was to work with one of the students working on their international PhD that was investigating inflammation and diet. I made two separate surveys that gathered health intake information and consumption of food and drinks. These surveys are currently being used in this experiment for actual subjects. The other task was to conduct research on questions to be used to determine the quality of breastmilk. I then translated all of this research into another survey that would be used to quantify the quality of breastmilk.

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Inside of the Laboratory



My Locker

Brooke Erickson

Chile



General Cemetary



La Moneda

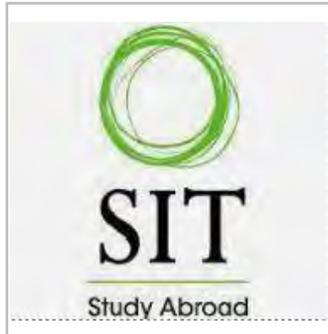
Value Derived from the Experience: Professionally, I was able to gain soft and hard skills that I will be able to apply in my future career. I worked in a completely new environment and subject that allowed me to gain skills in my research that are directly applicable to my major and studies at Lehigh University. I was also able to solidify the career path that I wish to take part in and narrow down my occupational interests. I practiced my language skills and cultural competency by communicating with those from a different country through a language barrier. Personally, I was very challenged to be in the present moment, immerse myself in a new country, gain global perspectives, and explore and adventure to new places. I really learned the value of a global experience and fell in love with traveling and being exposed to new things and people. I pushed myself to take advantage of every opportunity in Chile and really try to do new things. I grew socially, individually, professionally, and am extremely enthusiastic to continue experiencing new countries and cultures. I found that this opportunity showed me how much I value international opportunities and would love to incorporate this into my career and personal life somehow in the future.

Steven Escobar-Mendez

Vietnam

College of Arts &
Sciences

Political Science
& Global Studies



SIT - Virtual
Internship in
Development &
Gender

Researcher

Company and Position Description: Through SIT Study Abroad, I did research in Vietnam. This virtual internship focused on the role local community-based and international development organizations play in addressing issues related to development in Vietnam. I focused my research on how Vietnam development was impacted by the Vietnam War in its international relations, economics, and its society pushing beyond it. I researched on the history prior to the Vietnam War and how it changed drastically afterwards away from western style government and towards a different form. This was made possible by working alongside history professors of nearby universities and connecting with organizations focusing on post-Vietnam society.



Final Presentation of Research



Past US-Vietnam Relations

Steven Escobar-Mendez

Vietnam



Dragon Legends in Vietnam



Ho Chi Minh City

Value Derived from the Experience: The program provided incredible insight into Vietnam culture. It was interesting to learn about how Vietnam and US relations developed before the Vietnam War, intertwining with one another before breaking relations during the Cold War. The country offers a different perspective than what the western process teaches about a specific path to development, and what was promoted in my own culture in Central America. Vietnam shows a different form through government and culture. I enjoyed learning about the work being done to provide education and better living conditions across the country while pushing beyond the Vietnam War. This I learned through parts of the war still laid in plain sight or the change of city names, one which changed to the name of the founder of the current government. As I continue my education in international law, this opportunity helped me learn of regions that I might interact with during the studies and beyond.

Samuel Ginn

Republic of Serbia

College of Arts &
Sciences

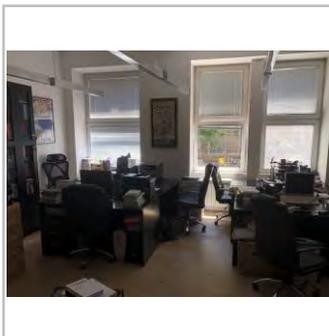
History &
International
Relations



Helsinki
Committee for
Human Rights

Research Intern

Company and Position Description: During my international internship experience with the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia I was asked to research and write a report on the securitization of the Serbian ethnic and national identity and historiography in the years prior to the Yugoslav Wars of the 1990s. As a native English speaker, I was also charged with proofreading official English-language documents. A secondary task of mine was to attend art showings and events which centered around memory activism and transitional justice. These showings and events included a photo gallery consisting of images from Ron Haviv's work in Croatian- and Serbian-run prison camps during the Bosnian War, a recollection of a trip to Novi Sad which was bombed by NATO during the Kosovo War, and a digital art showing and candle lighting ceremony to commemorate the start of the Srebrenica Massacre. In total, I produced one research paper, four observational reports, and proofread two official documents during my time as a research intern for the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia.



HCHRS Office



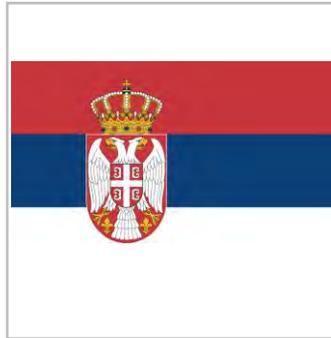
Internship Mentor

Samuel Ginn

Republic of Serbia



St Sava Temple



Kalemegdan Fortress

Value Derived from the Experience: I developed in many areas during my internship in Serbia, including personally, professionally, and culturally. I have learned more about myself and how I respond to stress and new situations. Becoming more accustomed to international travel and interacting with many different people in order to arrive to the desired location is just one of the many benefits of my international internship. Living with a family and experiencing daily life in a new country and a different, more heavily populated area than I am used to, resulted in my gaining better cultural competency. I now have a better understanding of how to interact with people who hold different beliefs and opinions than I did before my internship. Lastly, my research, citation, and writing skills were sharpened, helping me to progress not only in my academic career, but with my professional skills as well. Being able to communicate effectively and meet deadlines, all while being limited by a language barrier increased my professional capabilities.

Alleyna Jean-Philippe

Ireland

College of Arts &
Sciences

Psychology



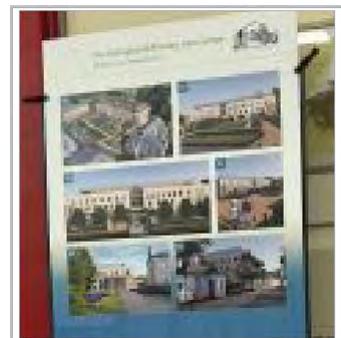
Royal Hospital
Donnybrook

Activities
Coordinator

Company and Position Description: The Royal Hospital Donnybrook, a hospital focused on providing a multidisciplinary approach to patient care, is where I have interned the past two months in Ireland. This hospital provides its residents with inpatient rehabilitation, residential and respite care. The residents have different disabilities including chronic illness and neurological disabilities due to stroke or just old age. The multidisciplinary team of doctors and nurses set rehabilitation goals in order to track patient progress. My internship role was entitled activities coordinator. Within this role, I have learned new skills that my supervisor and I divided into four categories: campaign, policy, social work, and activities. Sticking with campaigns, Royal Hospital Donnybrook is short of volunteers. I was tasked with helping get the word out by posting advertisements on Volunteer Ireland. Next came policy, or creating a principle of action to be adopted by the Royal Hospital Donnybrook. I was asked to create new sections incorporating absent information. When it comes to social work and activities, I was instructed to bring patients/residents from their wards to their group activity and return them afterwards. During, I was asked to help keep them entertained, engaged, and interested in what they were doing.



Royal Hospital Donnybrook



Hospital Renovation Plans

Alleyna Jean-Philippe

Ireland



Cliffs of Moher



Giant's Causeway

Value Derived from the Experience: Personally, I am not the same person I was a couple months ago. I am stronger mentally, and was able to prove to myself that I am capable of being on my own. I am very family oriented, and this was the longest period of time I have been away from my family. Being pushed out of my comfort zone has expanded my mindset. I have learned the importance of day-to-day interactions. There is a big difference between saying hello to be polite, and actually engaging in a conversation with someone because you care. I have had very meaningful conversations, met some influential people and felt a part of a team. Being around positive people has made me want to look at the glass half full during any situation. Professionally, I have learned that the medical field is not solely medicine. There are many parts that make up that well-oiled machine. For example, my supervisor did not only have me working with residents. She exposed me to campaign/marketing and policy work, which are two aspects of the medical world I had no experience in. Medicine is always evolving. With that being said being able to learn and adapt in an international setting will be beneficial for my future career.

Georgia Kiriakou

Netherlands

College of
Engineering

IDEAS



Eindhoven
University

Biomechanic
Engineer Intern

Company and Position Description: Eindhoven University of Technology (TU/e) is a research university specializing in engineering science and technology. My role was to optimize and automate contractility of 3D in vitro cardiac micro-tissue (uTUG) to restore heart injury due to cardiovascular disease (CVD). Specifically, I would quantify and compare the contractile forces and beating frequency of uTUG using an image analysis-based approach via MATLAB. The final outcome was a completed script for a partnered PhD student to convert videos of a beating uTUG into analytical data and plots to draw final conclusions of her research. This will hopefully be used to further understand the fundamental mechanisms of the myocardial architecture of the human body to apply to future application for the restoration of an injured heart to reduce the risks tied with cardiovascular disease (CVD).



First day at TU/e



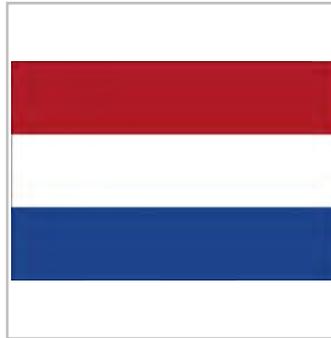
TU/e interns

Georgia Kiriakou

Netherlands



First Taste of Netherlands



Bike Ride in Eindhoven

Value Derived from the Experience: Within just a month interning as a Biomechanical Engineer in the Netherlands, my professional development has expanded profoundly. From professional attire and presentation to leadership positions and maintaining accountability within groups, there are several competencies that I have strengthened and befriended along the way. Throughout this past month, in and outside of the working environment, I believe my leadership skills have been the most impacted by this program. Being placed in a different country with three other students, rooted from very different backgrounds, I have found my strength and love to lead. Spending almost every day together with the other interns, conflicts have risen, but also have fallen just as fast. Working with different personalities has been the biggest learning experience I have had to take on this trip. However, I have found it very rewarding to be a liaison in situations and someone to lead us out of difficult times together. The Iacocca International Internship Program (IIIP) and the Netherlands community have been essential in this journey.

Sabrina Lancaster

Italy

College of Arts &
Sciences

Molecular Biology



HC&R Onlus
Foundation

Project Proposal
Coordinator

Company and Position Description: The HC&R Onlus Foundation is a non-profit organization that works with the Rome American Hospital to promote research and training activities in the fields of medical sciences aimed at giving special attention to disadvantaged people and improving their pathways of care. That foundation pursues scientific research objectives of particular public interest in the field of medicine, in the improvement of social health and health-related services and interventions, in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of human medical conditions.

As an intern I was tasked with developing proposals and abstracts for potential projects the foundation was interested in funding. Additionally, I had to find potential companies or clients that would be willing to fund our project and work with other companies to pilot and operate our programs and projects.



Rome American Hospital



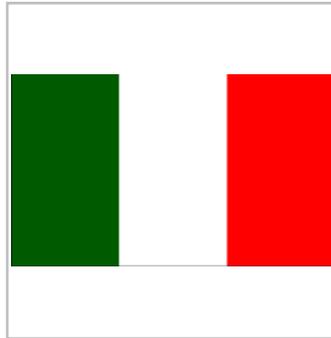
Rome American Hospital

Sabrina Lancaster

Italy



Trevi Fountain



Colosseum

Value Derived from the Experience: The value of this experience is truly indescribable. I have gained so much global perspective and gained some priceless experiences working in a foreign country. Not only have I gained cultural competency and learned how to navigate in a work environment where there is a strong language barrier, I also learned valuable workplace skills I need for the advancement of my career. I have gained competency in writing professional proposals, and I have gained confidence in presenting to potential clients trying to convince them to offer funding to our foundation. I have learned to advocate for myself during a meeting where I have little cultural knowledge and don't speak the language. I have learned things about myself one could only know when immersed in an unfamiliar environment for months. It was an invaluable experience both personally and professionally.

Paola Lebrón

South Africa

College of Arts & Sciences

International Relations, Global Studies, French



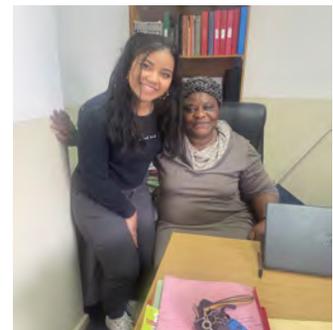
Whole World Women Association

Intern

Company and Position Description: Whole World Women Association (WWWA) is a refugee-founded and refugee-led non-profit organization that works to provide services and support to refugee, immigrant, and asylum-seeking women in the Western Cape of Cape Town, South Africa. WWWA seeks to help the women it serves smoothly integrate into the local communities, provide them with basic needs, and educate them on their human rights and on a plethora of resources available to them. While interning at WWWA, I was responsible for managing and reformatting all the organization's social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter), creating various presentations for different occasions and projects, creating advertisements and info-graphics for different campaigns and events, fundraising, and doing editing and research for a working community leader manual the CEO is actively working on.



Graphic I Designed



WWWA's CEO & I

Paola Lebrón

South Africa



Local Food



Cape of Good Hope

Value Derived from the Experience: Interning at WWVA with its CEO, Mary Tal, was a most life-changing experience. Ms. Tal was a mentor to me throughout my time with her and helped me to develop as a global citizen who is able and understanding. I am now more capable and comfortable in foreign environments, professional or not. As a professional, I grew in my workplace communication and relationship- building skills. I also learned how to be more well-spoken, especially in relation to issues of social justice and activism. My responsibility was to manage the social media platforms and create content to help WWVA grow and reach more people throughout the Western Cape and it was a big learning experience. I learned a great deal about graphic design, fundraising, and community outreach. There were difficulties in completing these tasks, however, with good communication and proper handling, everything was able to be accomplished and the goal of growing WWVA's social media platforms was achieved. Through this, I came to understand how to interact with people from different cultural backgrounds and how social media and advertising is approached differently in another country. Working with Mary, I grew not only as a professional but as an individual who is certain that she wants to pursue a career in international human rights.

Avery Lederer

Spain

College of
Business

Economics &
Supply Chain



Javier Pacheco
Financial Advisor

Intern

Company and Position Description: Throughout the summer I worked with a professional financial advisor named Javier Pacheco who hoped to create personal finance courses for young adults. This new venture of his was in the research and development phase so my role was to research the consumer market and competitive landscape in the on-line education space. I compiled useful information from consumer surveys, competitor analysis, and personal finance course audits which helped to shape Javier's potential course offering. Additionally, we looked at trade offs between on-line education platforms, business models, and course content. I learned a lot about the ground level of a new business venture.



Javier Pacheco



Financial Planning

Avery Lederer

Spain



The Sagrada Familia



Seeing the Sites

Value Derived from the Experience: Living and working in a foreign country is incredibly valuable for someone in college. When you're abroad you're faced with entirely new challenges, people, and lifestyles. It allows you to cross-examine yourself and your beliefs in a new environment. While learning about a new culture you're able to better reflect on your own culture and gain fresh perspectives. I'm bringing back a newfound sense of myself and my capabilities. I'm more confident about my ability to work through difficult or ambiguous situations. Most importantly, I've developed an intercultural competence and curiosity that will benefit me throughout my life to continue to travel and learn.

Billy Maroun

Barcelona, Spain

College of Business
& Economics

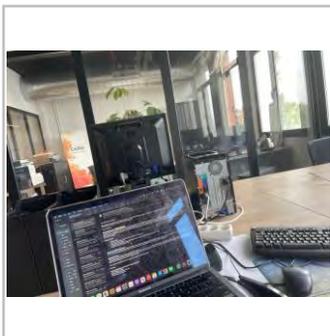
Marketing



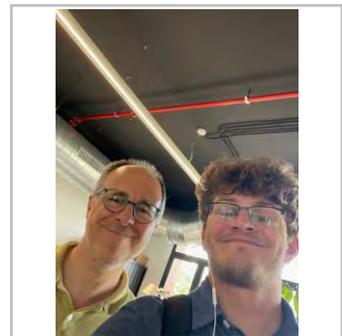
CatalogPlayer

Marketing Intern

Company and Position Description: My internship this summer was being the marketing intern for CatalogPlayer in Barcelona, Spain. CatalogPlayer is a company that sells sales enablement systems. As a marketing intern my main task was to help the company translate the language on their website from Spanish to English. Along with translating their website, I had to localize the language to the US market. I also was given the task to help with a lead generation project that the company is working on.



My desk at the office.



My boss and I at work.

Billy Maroun

Barcelona, Spain



Paella Dinner in Barcelona.



Catalan Human Tower.

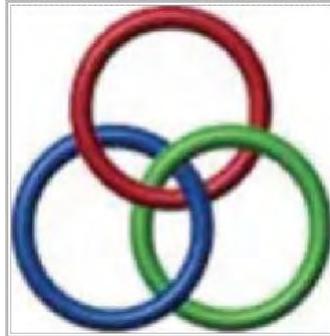
Value Derived from the Experience: This experience living in Barcelona was extremely beneficial for me personally and professionally. I have never had the opportunity to travel outside of the country so having my first experience be living in Spain for a summer was very beneficial. Being able to experience Spanish culture and become more culturally aware was one of the best things I took away from this experience. Along with my personal growth, having my first real internship in Spain allowed me to become a better professional. Getting work experience unlike I ever had was something beneficial as I got to learn through the day to day job. Overall, this experience helped me grow so much and give myself a new perspective on many different things coming back home to Bethlehem.

Austin McCullough

Argentina

College of
Engineering

IBE & Civil
Engineering



Praxis

Marketing
Associate

Company and Position Description: Praxis is a company develops and distributes and EMR software to various medical firms. The system drastically boosts the efficiency for doctors so that they can focus more of their time on their patients. The system is template-free and driven by AI to help doctors with charting, billing, and even scheduling. This summer, I worked with the Praxis marketing team and a group of interns to redesign and rewrite the Praxis website. The website was obsolete and clearly needed work to be optimized for search engines. I worked closely with the team of interns and my supervisor, Chris Powell, in order to produce a cleaner and more expansive website.



EMR Software



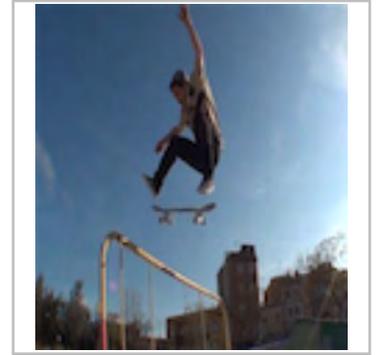
Redesign Website

Austin McCullough

Argentina



Spanish Dancing



Skateboarding is Popular

Value Derived from the Experience: I have gained so much from this experience with the Iacocca International Internship Program. Even though I did my internship virtually, I had to structure each day so that I could effectively work with my supervisor and team of interns. I found a sense of leadership, which I am not all that used to. The internship required me to step up and motivate the rest of the team. Having that experience will definitely be valuable later, as I start my career. One of the biggest takeaways I got from this internship is about how valuable communication is. Keeping in touch with my team and supervisor helped us to not only be on the same page, but really motivated us to continue working efficiently and produce the best work possible. I would have loved to travel this summer, but still the international work experience I got out of it and being able to expand my network across the globe will be extremely beneficial in the future.

Roman Mitchell

Spain

College of Engineering

Industrial Systems



Fitness KPI

Marketing Intern

Company and Position Description: Fitness KPI is a gym management software that helps gyms keep track of information effortlessly, communicate with its team members, track earnings, and also help retain and gain more gym members. They have been helpful for gyms in and around Spain. Now they want to expand to the United States. The software industry is very competitive in the USA so I researched to get more data. I specifically looked for fitness experts and ways to get involved in NY, PA, FL, TX, and CA.



Gym Software



Marketing via Website

Roman Mitchell

Spain



Spanish Dish



Street in Barcelona

Value Derived from the Experience: I had a few cultural experiences that helped me learn more about Spain and develop professionally. When I first started working I was the only intern and my boss gave me tasks that were vague and allowed me to have a lot of freedom in how I researched and what I researched. I enjoyed this type of trust between worker and manager. It helped me learn to pace myself and also that I had the skills to do the job, I just needed to focus and trust I could complete the task. I have learned what I need to keep myself accountable for my tasks. I also like the idea of weekly meetings on a task and then time to work alone with no supervision as well. Working with someone from a different culture also allows me to learn more about the world and have interesting things to talk about other than our job.

Rehan Naeem

Italy

College of
Business &
Economics

Marketing



Francesco Maglia
Milano

Fashion Intern

Company and Position Description: I worked for Francesco Maglia Milano, a luxury umbrella designer and producer in Milan, Italy. Francesco Maglia Milano was founded in 1854 producing umbrellas by hand in their workshop in Milan ever since. They sell e-commerce and in the workshop to customers but also do B2B collaborating with the biggest names in fashion including LVMH Group and Kering Group.

The work I performed during the internship was mainly marketing and operations related tasks, including customer correspondence through email and recommending fabrics/designs to clients. I even gave in-person tours to clients who visited our workshop and designed a newsletter to better represent our sustainable initiatives. The internship was extremely hands-on as I worked side by side with the owner of the company and discussed marketing/brand strategies. By the end of the internship I learned how to make an umbrella and how to sell an umbrella, two extremely useful skills for a future business owner and/or fashion designer.



Umbrella Sticks in Special Oven



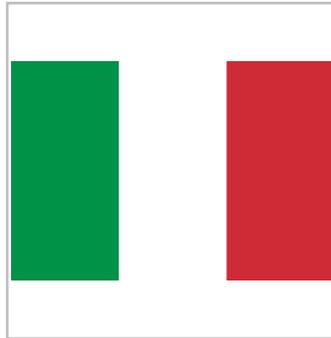
Beautiful Umbrella Selection

Rehan Naeem

Italy



Cinque Terre



Colosseum at 6AM

Value Derived from the Experience: My experience in Italy helped me develop both personally and professionally. Personally, I developed a new sense of confidence in my ability to be independent and survive in a new country. I learned conversational Italian, a new transportation system, and adapted to a new lifestyle all in less than two months. I came in not knowing a word of Italian and I left ordering both my breakfast and my taxi to the train in Italian. Professionally I was able to work hand-in-hand with one of the best umbrella makers in the world to learn how to sell umbrellas. I am definitely more confident in my skills under pressure, selling, curating, and marketing a product. I can proudly recount a moment when I gave my first workshop tour and the customer was so impressed that they bought six umbrellas instead of one they originally came for. I really feel as this experience abroad is something I will remember for the rest of my life and it has helped me grow in ways I would have never expected.

Ojashwi Rani Nakarmi

Hong Kong

College of
Engineering

Chemical
Engineering



Hutchison Ports

R&D Intern

Company and Position Description: The company I worked for is a port company. Port companies are transport companies that ship goods through cargos. Hutchison Ports is one of the leading port companies in Hong Kong as well as in Asia.

I was in the Research and Development department, where I analyzed the data of the company throughputs and compared it with its competitor companies and presented it to the team. I also went to conferences and made reports on sustainable transport options and plans and how it can be useful for the company.



Shipyard



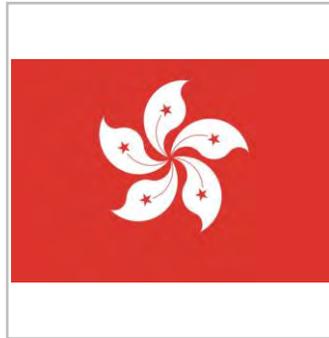
Carrier

Ojashwi Rani Nakarmi

Hong Kong



Traditional Dress



Market

Value Derived from the Experience: I really enjoyed working for my department at Hutchison Ports. My supervisor and the team were really nice. I did most of the work by myself as the analysis did not require much team work but I still had a lot of communication with my supervisor through coffee chats, which I really liked. We also did a few meet ups with the whole team where we shared about our culture and had general conversations, which made me understand their culture more. Overall, it was a great experience.

Alondra Perez

Panama

College of Arts &
Sciences

Environmental
Studies



ANYAR

Environmental Intern

Company and Position Description: ANYAR is a non-governmental organization who focuses on uplifting the young people of Guna Yala, an indigenous territory located in the Caribbean of Central Panama. The main objective is to advocate for their rights and spread awareness of varying environmental issues. ANYAR recognizes the significance of education as one can see in their agenda of workshops and activities. During my time with ANYAR, I was able to not only design the workshop curriculum but be part of them. I traveled with ANYAR for a little over a week, hosting the workshops that address the many issues ANYAR strives to gain support for.

In addition, I was able to assist ANYAR with data collection analyzing attendance and indigenous member's overall responses to better future workshops.



Clean Up of Digre Island Beach



Discussing Future Curriculum

Alondra Perez

Panama



Cooking Coconut Rice



Homes in Taboga Island

Value Derived from the Experience: The experience allowed me to learn a lot about myself in unfamiliar situations and the rich history of Panama. I began my experience with little to no knowledge about Panama. I only recognized it since my family is from Central America. I concluded the trip having an emotional connection to Panama because all of the new things I was exposed to during my time there. For instance, I was able to gain knowledge on indigenous rights from a global perspective. My work with the Guna people opened my eyes to the struggles experienced and how climate change is exacerbating them.

In addition, I reflected a lot on my biases and perspectives that contribute to the views I have on the world around me. It is so crucial to be able to take a step back and process what is being seen.

Anna Piecuch

Jordan

College of Arts
& Sciences

Psychology &
Journalism



Institute for Family
Health

Intern

Company and Position Description: I was an intern this summer within the SIT Jordan Counseling and Humanitarian Action program, where my colleagues and I interviewed at and were placed in NGOs that matched our majors, career paths, and personal interests. At the Institute for Family Health Psychosocial Unit in Amman, Jordan, I shadowed a professional mental health counselor in confidential, individualized counseling sessions with people of vulnerable refugee populations, with granted consent. The focus of my role in the broader scope of IFH was to observe, discuss and understand how mental health services improve adults' resilience, wellbeing, and relationships with family through cognitive-behavioral therapy. I helped my advisor by labeling case folders and creating facility infographics and brochures. In the counseling sessions, I learned about mental health problems and stressors faced by women refugees fleeing from neighboring areas such as South Sudan, Yemen, and Syria. Some women are victims of rape or torture and require most sensitive care, and many refugees in the clinic experience anxiety, depression, or PTSD.



Great Team



Great Colleague

Anna Piecuch

Jordan



Ancient Ruins



Ceramics and Pottery

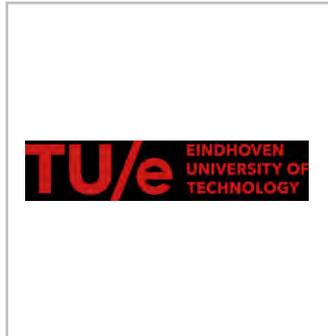
Value Derived from the Experience: My experience in the SIT Jordan Summer 2022 Counseling and Humanitarian Action internship has helped me greatly to develop personally and professionally.

Personally, I have grown so much from my experience abroad. I learned how to independently navigate a foreign country, I asserted my interests and needs at an internship, made new lifelong friends from across the United States as well as in Jordan, and worked through a language barrier. Professionally, I have grown through experience in a psychosocial unit that serves mental health needs in emergency settings for refugees. I learned so much from SIT contextual studies about the Syrian crisis, how Jordan accommodates for the influx of refugees seeking shelter in their country that already sees scarce resources, and I learned about barriers to mental health treatment include stigma and shame surrounding topics of gender-based violence. I also learned the value of strategies used in cognitive-behavioral therapy such as cognitive reframing techniques and narrative exposure therapy. I am super grateful to have had this opportunity of a lifetime in Jordan through the Iacocca International Internship Program to further explore my future career interests as well as a new country.

Esteban Procel

Netherlands

College of
Engineering and
Applied Science
IDEAs

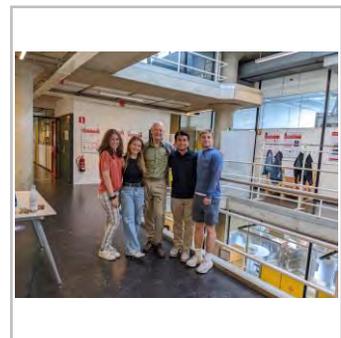


Eindhoven
University of
Technology
Research Intern

Company and Position Description: This summer I had the opportunity to work at the Eindhoven University of Technology as a research intern. The research that I was assigned to was to study electro taxis and how to manipulate stem cells. In my time there, I ran simulation of electric fields using the software CST studios. With the program, I was able to create shapes using these electric fields and micro electro arrays. We hoped with these fields to manipulate the cells through the concept of electro taxis. At the end of my internship, I had to deliver a 15-minute presentation to the students in the department of biology.



The Campus



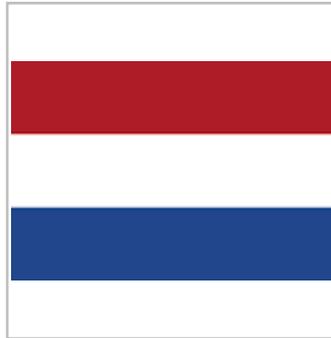
Group Photo

Esteban Procel

Netherlands



Bitterballen



Raw Herring

Value Derived from the Experience: I was station in the Netherlands in a city known as Eindhoven for two months. I have not had any previous abroad experience so when I arrived it was a complete shock. In a new country with new people, I learned to try new things and not be afraid of them. For example, trying raw herring which was a very interesting tasting dish. Biking around the Netherlands was one of the most memorable things to do. The people were nice and were willing to help out when our group got lost in a new city. In the workspace, everyone was willing to help me learn how to use the software and get necessary hardware for my research. I learned to ask for help as somethings are hard to continue alone. Overall, the internship was an experiance that I have never had before.

Gianna Ricciardi

Ireland

College of
Engineering

Chemical
Engineering



Senoptica
Technologies LTD

Research Intern

Company and Position Description: Senoptica Technologies LTD is a start-up company that focuses on reducing global food waste by noninvasive monitoring Modified Atmosphere Packaging (MAP). Their goal is to become a global leader in MAP testing as well as to reduce food waste by 50% by 2030. The motivation for improving MAP is due to the millions of tons of waste that is resulted each year due to the food industry's current practices. In order to improve these conditions and reduce food waste, Senoptica has created an optical sensor technology that is printed onto the films of packages. The sensor will have a food-safe ink that will read specific gas levels. Their technology will ultimately save the whole food value chain and reduce food waste. As a research intern, I shadowed in the lab, helped with lab organization, cataloged chemicals, and practiced different techniques (UV, PVS, etc). I also helped create the ink for the sensors and measured the gas levels to determine whether they were accepted for the packaging. Another task I had was to research, collect, and present findings of recent literature on topics including intelligent and MAP packaging, meat discoloration, and luminescence quenching based sensors. This helped me learn more about the topics and better understand Senoptica's mission.



S.T. is Located in Trinity College



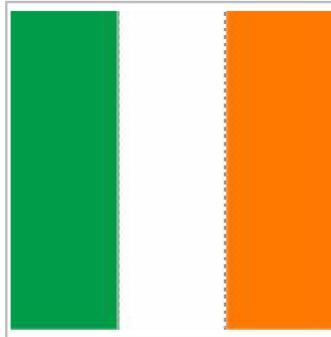
My Work Space

Gianna Ricciardi

Ireland



Ha'penny Bridge



Cliffs of Moher

Value Derived from the Experience: This experience has helped me grow professionally and personally. During my internship, I was able to have a one-on-one mentorship where my supervisor and I had daily meetings to discuss my plans and goals for the rest of the day. From these meetings, I was able to improve my time management skills and come prepared everyday with objectives and deadlines. I was also able to quickly learn to not be afraid to ask for help whenever I was stuck on a task. This allowed me to strengthen my communication and organizational skills. Towards the end of my internship, I could see a clear improvement in my work as well as in my personal and professional confidence. Overall, the most notable takeaway from my experience is the connections I was able to build with the IIIP Staff, my supervisor and co-workers, and other students in the IIIP and IES Abroad Dublin Programs. Additionally, I was able to immerse myself in the Irish culture.

Hajer Sabil

Italy

College of Arts &
Sciences

Political Science



Net 4 Market

Marketing &
Graphic Design

Company and Position Description: Net4Market is a software company that provides an e procurement platform for businesses in Italy to simplify the supply chain process. As a marketing and graphic design intern, I was responsible for creating social media graphics, designing website mockups, and building a new website for the company.



Iacocca Intern Colleague



Net4Market Team

Hajer Sabil

Italy



Colosseum



St. Peter's Basilica

Value Derived from the Experience: My experience at Net4Market was invaluable in terms of cultural immersion and work experience. I learned many practical skills in the marketing and graphic design field as well as about Italian culture. Though this was an amazing opportunity, I also dealt with micro-aggressions that are common in the workforce. These micro-aggressions made it difficult to want to go to work at times. I understand that these are things I might potentially have to deal with in the professional world so I know now to look for companies that prioritize diversity equity and inclusion.

Stephen Salamone

The Netherlands

College of
Engineering

Chemical
Engineering



Eindhoven
University of
Technology

Research
Assistant

Company and Position Description: For my Iacocca Internship, I worked at The Eindhoven University of Technology in The Netherlands. My work as a Research Assistant involved helping graduate students with their research projects at the university. The project I worked on involved eliminating distortion in cell diagrams, and finding a system to convert 2D images to 3D images. At the end of the internship, I delivered a final presentation to the faculty and students in the Bioengineering department detailing the code I had created and how it eliminates cell diagram distortion.



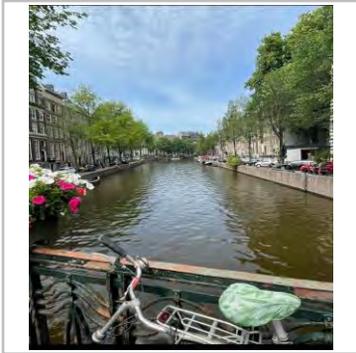
Research Group



Final Presentation

Stephen Salamone

The Netherlands



Amsterdam Canals



Authentic Dutch Bitterballen

Value Derived from the Experience: Living and working in The Netherlands gave me an appreciation for Dutch culture and unique insight into the work-life balance in the country. I found that working with Dutch students allowed me to learn much about their education system and their approach to solving complex issues. During my free time, I felt very immersed in the city of Eindhoven and any other place I visited. The Iacocca Internship offers an immense amount of freedom, where you are able to plan your own excursions and make your own schedule. I found this factor to be the most rewarding part of the program when comparing it to other Lehigh Study Abroad options. Personally, I learned much about how The Netherlands functions and how it compares to the United States. I found that many things about their country were different, but that we also had a lot in common. I learned much about myself through being placed in such a new place with very little experience to draw on, and I'm confident I have grown as a result of this great opportunity.

Brianna Sauder

Australia

College of
Engineering

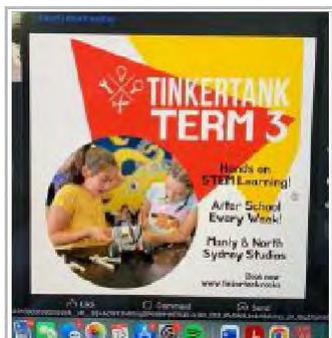
Chemical
Engineering



TinkerTank

Interim Operations
Manager

Company and Position Description: TinkerTank is an organization that provides STEM based education in the form of after school programs and holiday camps for students ages 5 +. They allow students to try their hand at coding, robotics, animation, and 3D design while providing them the support they need. This summer I worked primarily in an administrative role at the company. I reviewed bookings, answered phone calls and emails from customers, assisted with employee onboarding, and worked with the students during workshops. Throughout my internship, I got involved in some marketing and advertising too. I conducted outreach to the local schools for partnerships with them to have their students come to our studio or for us to do on site programs in their school.



Social Media Post I Designed



Battlebots Tournament

Brianna Sauder

Australia



Yellow Crested Cockatoo



Lots of To-Go Sushi Shops

Value Derived from the Experience: From this experience, I have become more confident professionally. I had much more responsibility than I initially expected in this internship but it helped me learn to trust myself and the decisions I made. I became more comfortable with learning on the job and asking the right questions to gain insight from those who had been at the company longer than me. Personally, I learned how to engage people in their culture and inquire about cultural differences. Australia's culture was similar a lot of ways to American culture, but it was interesting to notice the differences and hear about their view of the United States.

Madeleine Schott

Kenya

College of Health

Population
Health



Kisumu County
Referral Hospital

Maternal and Child
Health Intern

Company and Position Description: During my Iacocca International Internship, I was under the guidance of the School for International Travel within their program in Kisumu, Kenya. Through the program, I was assigned an internship at the Kisumu County Referral Hospital (KCRH). KCRH is located in the center of Kisumu, Kenya, the third largest city in the country. At KCRH, I was assigned an attachment to the Maternal and Child Health Unit (MCH). During my time, I researched the prevalence of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) in infants who visited the unit during my time assigned. In addition to my work at KCRH, the School for International Travel expected all students to participate in Swahili lessons everyday for two hours, Monday through Friday. I visited the hospital everyday of the week, observing the day to day work of the MCH unit. My day consisted of measuring the height and weight of infants, marking down their growth, and collecting data pertaining to the number of children who were classified as underweight or malnourished. During my time, I also administered 15 surveys to mothers visiting the unit about their level of health understanding and knowledge towards their child's health. These surveys and collection of data were compiled and analyzed in my final report that was submitted at the end of my internship.



First Day of Work at KCRH



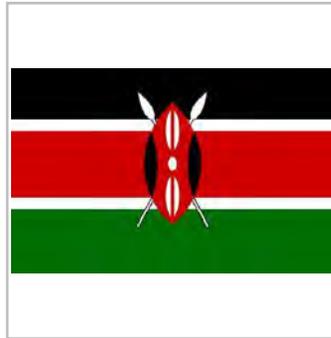
Meeting with Advisor

Madeleine Schott

Kenya



Maasai Market



Wildlife from Maasai Mara

Value Derived from the Experience: The values derived from my work at KCRH are immeasurable. When I first walked through the hospital campus, I felt overwhelmed as it was completely unlike anything I had seen before. Unfortunately, the hospital is underfunded and requires the staff to be extremely resourceful in the care provided to patients. Within the Maternal and Child Health Unit, there was not running water and a majority of the unit was held outside, under a roof. A deep gratitude has been instilled in me as I acknowledged that there is great privilege in my life. Professionally, I developed interpersonal skills among the hospital staff and fellow students in my program. I worked closely with the Director of Nursing, Millicent Oloo, who helped guide my research and advised me during my time in Kisumu. As I was the only international student assigned to the Maternal and Child Health Unit, I gained a sense of confidence and independence as I became comfortable in an unknown environment. A great takeaway is that we tend to have more in common with people than we may believe. I gained some true friendships among the nursing staff within the MCH unit. Most of all, a passion for maternal and child health was ignited in me. I was lucky enough to even witness the birth of two children, this will be a memory that stays with me forever.

Kunj Shah

Berlin, Germany

College of
Engineering

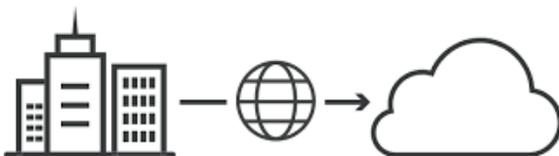
Computer
Science



Amplifyre

Content Creator +
Researcher

Company and Position Description: I worked for a company called Amplifyre. I conducted research by collecting and analyzing data for writing articles pertaining to technical concepts [ie: Outsourcing, UI/UX, Mobile Development, Cloud Migration, MVP Building, Web Dev, QA & Testing, Custom Software Dev, etc]. I researched, constructed, and designed "stories" for LinkedIn posts regarding technological stories via Figma [ie: Clean Technology, Algorithms and Algorithm Bias, Facial Recognition in Crime Prevention, How software is involved in F1 racing, etc]. I also redesigned Amplifyre's data table UI to display technical data via Figma.



Cloud Migration



Computer Engineering

Kunj Shah

Berlin, Germany



Berlin Smartments Sunset



Britzer Garden

Value Derived from the Experience: During this internship I got to learn a lot about what it means to work remotely and internationally. I was able to expand upon my presentation skills as well as how to handle feedback in a better way rather than see it as a con. Personally, I was able to immerse myself in a beautiful culture while being able to work remotely and see a lot of differences while appreciating them.

Eirinn Sikes

Germany

College of
Engineering

Chemical
Engineering



HomeMeal

Partner
Management Intern

Company and Position Description: HomeMeal is a startup software company based in Berlin, Germany that was founded during the pandemic. It is a platform that allows aspiring chefs to cook and sell their meals from their homes. While developing the software is extremely important, so is marketing and working with the chefs to make their business successful, which is the role that I did. I worked on a multitude of different projects, including planning a pop-up event, sending out three weekly newsletters, doing performance calls with the chefs, and transferring information to a CRM system. My position was partner management intern, but I had the opportunity to perform tasks in other areas of the company as well.



The HomeMeal Team



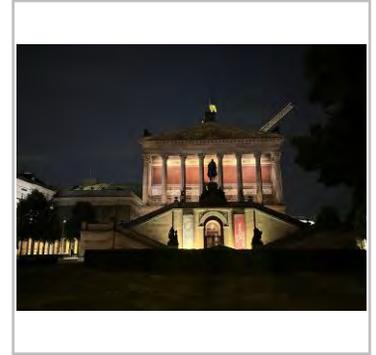
Pop-up Event Flier I Designed

Eirinn Sikes

Germany



The Olympic Stadium



Alte National Galerie

Value Derived from the Experience: Going in to my internship, I was uncertain of what to expect. I faced more challenges than I thought I would, both with my internship and with being immersed in a brand new culture. These challenges helped me to grow and learn more about myself. While my internship was not related to my major, I was able to gain valuable experience and knowledge in different fields, such as marketing, databases, and product development. The most important thing that I took away from my experience was how I work in a professional setting. It will allow me to find a job and career that I will fit in and will succeed in, while helping the company to grow as well. I learned that I work differently in a professional setting than I do in an academic setting, which is quite fascinating.

Overall, my experience is one that I will never forget and I have a lot of takeaways that I will apply for the rest of my life.

Ghay Soe

South Africa

College of Arts &
Sciences

International
Relations



Beth Uriel

Intern

Company and Position Description: For my Iacocca Internship, I actively participated in supporting and doing the work that needed to be done at Beth Uriel. Beth Uriel is not an organization, but a house that supports disadvantaged young men who want to make a change in their lives for the better. By the end of the internship, I now have a better sense of how the place is structured and overseen. The focus is on providing the young men, as the whole house or as individuals, with whatever they need. Beth Uriel has four main provisions; basic needs, education, practical skills for job readiness, and self-discovery through disclosure. I came in with a humble attitude to give an extra hand in supporting how Beth Uriel runs.



Daily Cup of Free Coffee



Outside of Cafe

Ghay Soe

South Africa



Host Family



What a View

Value Derived from the Experience: I just want to say how appreciative I am for the opportunity to learn more about Beth Uriel and what they stand for. Beth Uriel has served justice to many young men by providing them with quality living, giving them a second chance in life, and helping them learn how to survive and succeed in the world. They are based in Cape Town, South Africa, so there is a lot you can learn, which can help you see the current situation that the community is in. I have discovered that there is always something you can do if you are willing. It is important to have a humble attitude. The lesson I have learned is that, attitudes are as important to success as skills and knowledge. My work might not have been anything important, but I was able to contribute to something that mattered at my internship site. I take this lesson as part of my personal growth and development.

Neel Surya

Hong Kong

Intercollegiate
Program

IDEAS

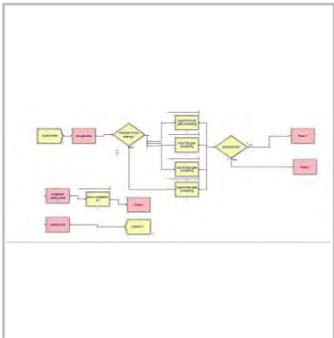


Hutchison Ports

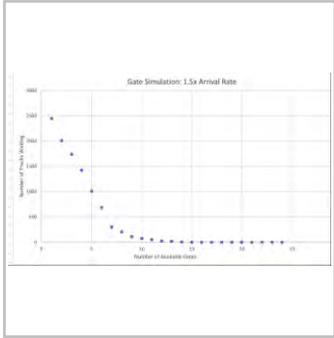
Simulation Studies
Intern

Company and Position Description: Over the summer I had the opportunity to intern at Hutchison Ports. Hutchison Ports is the world's leading port network with over 30,000 employees and owning ports and terminals in over 26 countries. I specifically worked as Simulation Studies Intern in the operations group. I was tasked with researching ways of how to optimize the efficiency and minimize the cost of the thousands of trucks that enter the terminals per day. I achieved this by creating a simulation estimating the optimal number of gates and optimal number of congestion parking spots needed for certain terminals. Furthermore, I was tasked with doing graphical analysis on the simulation results by altering things such as truck arrival rate, and gate processing times.

I specifically utilized the ARENA simulation software to create my simulation. While this software was very new for me, I learned a lot about discrete event modeling and also how a large terminal operates.



Final ARENA Simulation Created

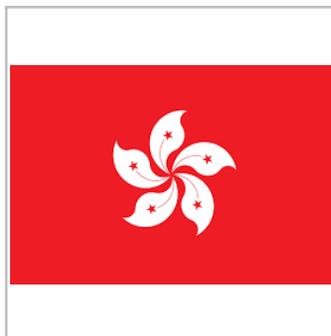


Graphical Analysis

Neel Surya

Hong Kong

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Learning the Language!

HK Sweet and Sour Pork

Value Derived from the Experience: This internship has helped me immensely both professionally and personally. I previously had no experience in terminal operations and had never used the ARENA simulation software which was required. Now, however, I can explain the intricacies associated with terminal/port operations and am fluent in the ARENA software. Having this added knowledge (especially learning the software will only serve to benefit me in my future career. On a personal note, it was invaluable experience to interact and work with people from a different culture than my own. I feel as though from this my speaking and networking skills improved vastly. All in all, I truly feel that my worldview was expanded this summer.

Socially, I came to really appreciate the culture of Hong Kong throughout the summer. The food, music, language, and more are all things I am going to continue to explore. While my internship was done in a virtual format, I really feel that I had a global experience. If the situation improves, I look forward to visiting Hutchison Ports in person in Hong Kong and meeting my supervisors face to face.

Benjamin Szmodis

Ireland

College of Business
& Economics

Finance



Applegreen

Finance Intern

Company and Position Description: Applegreen is a company who owns over 1,000 gas stations and service areas (rest stops in Ireland, the UK, and the US). I worked at their headquarters as a finance intern. I was placed in the tax department within the finance division and spent my time on many different things. For one, I classified the VAT rate for new items being added across all stores. I also spent time drafting a company policy regarding tax fraud as it relates to EU regulations. The majority of my time at Applegreen was spent pulling and classifying information for their yearly tax returns. The intricacies surrounding what could be a tax write-off, what kind of write-off it could be, and when Applegreen could take a deduction gave me a new understanding of the world of tax.



My Desk



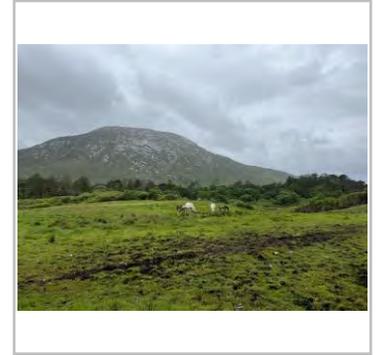
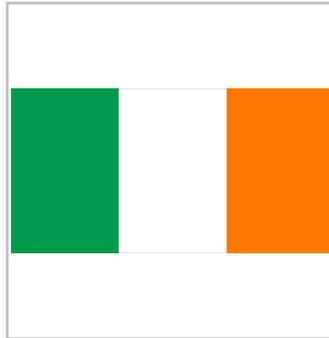
Applegreen HQ

Benjamin Szmodis

Ireland



Kylemore Abbey



Western Ireland

Value Derived from the Experience: This experience had a massive impact on my future. Professionally speaking, I have a new respect for what it means to work in tax. While the experience was great, I think I know that I do not want to work in this specific field in the future. The experience also gave me insight into the different kinds of workplace cultures. In the US, the culture suggests that employees "go go go" and finish everything ASAP. In Ireland, the workplace is much more relaxed and productivity is about the same. I would like to work in a workplace similar to that of Applegreen.

Culturally speaking, I cannot put into words how much this changed me. I had never left the country prior to this internship and had not truly understood the differences around the world. Ireland isn't that different from the US- they speak the same language, have similar entertainment, and even have many of the same pastimes. However, the small things that make countries, or places, different really stood out to me. Small things like the way people talk to each other, something that seems universal, can be completely different when you're in a different country. I have come to truly appreciate the differences present in other countries.

Sydney Waterman

The Netherlands

College of
Engineering

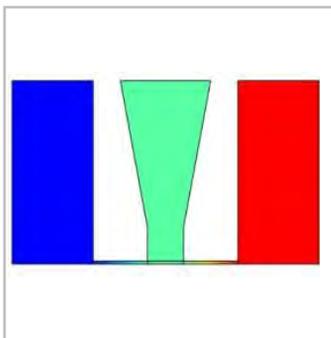
Bioengineering



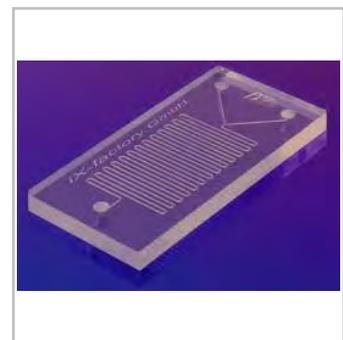
Eindhoven
University of
Technology

Biomedical
Engineering
Research Intern

Company and Position Description: This summer, I worked on a research project with a PhD student at the Eindhoven University of Technology, a research institution that aims to advance knowledge in science and technology. The project I worked on focused on embryonic brain development. The concentrations and flow of growth factors determine the development and order of the brain. My task was to simulate concentration gradients of three different growth factors flowing through a microfluidic chip. I used ComSoL to upload the 3D microfluidic chip design, researched the properties of the three growth factors, set the parameters, and simulated the transport of diluted species. I analyzed the color-coded concentration maps and time graphs to understand how the growth factors diffused. At the end of the summer, I presented my findings in a PowerPoint to 20+ members of the research group and my supervisor.



Concentration Map



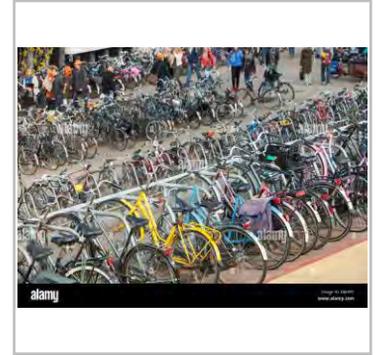
Microfluidic Chip

Sydney Waterman

The Netherlands



Herring with Onion



Bikes are Everywhere

Value Derived from the Experience: At first, this internship was intended to be virtual. I am extremely grateful that we were given the opportunity to go in-person! I learned a lot about traveling in Europe and other cultural differences between Europeans and Americans. I stayed with three other Iacocca interns, and we were sort of a "family". We got to bike to work, eat herring and bitterballen, and talk to Dutch people every day. Since everyone speaks English there, we were able to make friends very quickly. My favorite part was being able to travel across Europe. Although we faced some technological and communication issues, the experience overall helped me learn about teamwork and friendship. I gained life-long friends, international connections, and many adventurous stories.

Norman Zvenyika

Bermuda

College of Arts &
College of
Engineering

CSE & BIOE



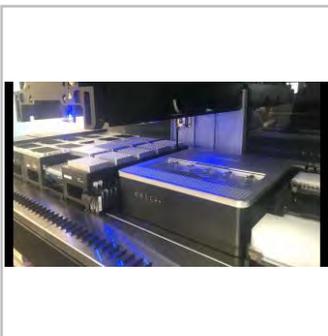
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Research
Intern

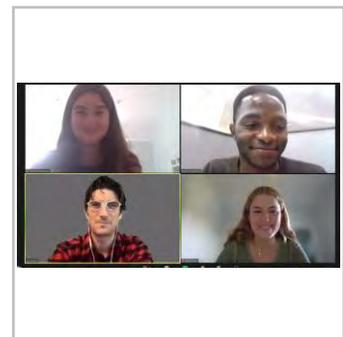
Company and Position Description: Bermuda Institute Of Ocean Sciences (BIOS) is an independent, US-based nonprofit organization dedicated to scientific research and education. Its mission is to seek and share knowledge of the oceans through state-of-the-art multi-disciplinary scientific research, world-class field expeditions, and comprehensive educational experiences.

At BIOS, I completed a research internship in the Barsi Lab. The Barsi Lab uses Molecular Biology techniques to improve our comprehension of the biological processes that convert genetic information into anatomical features. Current research in the lab uses sea urchins and third-generation sequencing to investigate how non-coding DNA regulates the expression of developmental genes.

In the Barsi Lab, I worked on a project titled "Bioinformatics Analysis of Differential Gene Expression In Developing Deuterostomes." The main goal of my project was to identify the significantly expressed genes during the gastrula phase of the sea urchin lava development, 36 hours post fertilization.



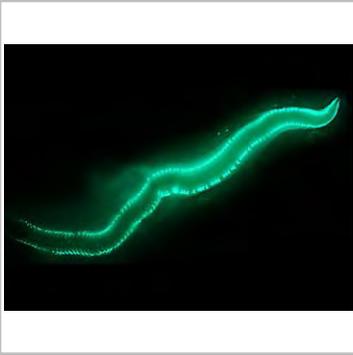
Automated Genomic Sequencer



Weekly Lab Meeting

Norman Zvenyika

Bermuda



Bermuda Fireworms



Bermuda Day Parade

Value Derived from the Experience: Interning abroad is a gift. Along with incredible experiences and stories, this gift gave me a new perspective on the world and a deeper appreciation for various people and cultures.

Professionally, my internship exposed me to novel scientific concepts and business etiquette. By fusing these concepts and experiences with what I already knew, I developed into a well-rounded student, capable of coming up with innovative solutions and always prepared to work in a multicultural workplace.

Personally, it was an exciting opportunity for me to work with unfamiliar people, and living in a new culture made me much more conscious of my identity and origins. I studied the customs and practices of the local community and contrasted them with mine. This helped me to recognize my core strengths and areas of improvement. As my self-awareness grew, so did my intuition, which will undoubtedly be helpful when I make big decisions on my own.



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