

Personal Profile:

My name is Sara Loughlin. I am 21 years old, and I am from Derry. I am a third year law student at Trinity College Dublin. I am studying abroad at Emory University School of Law, USA, for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Education:

2018-2019: Study Abroad Year – Emory University School of Law, USA

- Taking courses in Negotiations, Mediation Advocacy, International Law, Intellectual Property and Advanced Legal Writing & Editing, among others.

2016 - Present: Trinity College Dublin

- Recipient of Entrance Exhibitioner Prize
- Ranked 1st in class in Senior Freshman year (2017-2018), achieving the only First Class Honours grade in the law class.
- Recipient of Round Hall Prize and First Class Book Prize for Senior Freshman exam results.

2008-2015: Lumen Christi College, Derry

- 10A* & 1 A at GCSE – 2nd place in Northern Ireland for GCSE Irish
- 2 A* and 2 A at A level – winner of the Ars Eloquentiae Award for Modern Languages
- Top Performing Female Student at both GCSE and A-Level

Key Skills:

Leadership: I was elected by my peers as the President of the Trinity Hall Junior Common Room (JCR), a committee of students who preside over Trinity Hall. In this role, I led a team of eleven students, and was entrusted with large sums of money to organise international trips, balls, cultural events and more, as well as representing the 1,000 residents of Trinity Hall within the Students' Union. I also sat on the Union Forum board. On account of my work on the JCR, I was named by the University Times (Trinity's student newspaper) as one of the 'Trinity Twenty' of 2016; one of the twenty most influential people on campus.

Volunteering: From 2016-2017, I served as the Entertainment Officer for Trinity's branch of the educational charity SUAS, and I helped organise fundraising events such as Trinity's Charity Ball and Raise and Give (RAG) Week. I was on the fundraising committee of Trinity's St Vincent de Paul Society last year. For my work with both the JCR and college societies, I was named on the Dean's Honours List for Volunteering for 2017.

Ambassador: In Trinity, I was chosen by the Global Relations Office as a 'Northern Irish Ambassador' for the college. My role involves travelling throughout the six counties to represent the college in secondary schools, at careers fairs, and other events. This year at

Emory I have been chosen to represent the college as part of the Model United Nations team, travelling to competitions in other colleges across the USA.

Multilingual: I speak Irish fluently, I speak Spanish with semi-fluency, and have some experience in Portuguese and Italian. Last year I was chosen to live on campus in Trinity on the Irish Language ‘Scéim Cónaithe’, a scholarship scheme where students live on campus and communicate with their peers through the medium of Irish and promote the language in the college. I received a scholarship from Oxford University in 2014 to attend a summer programme in Portuguese, Italian and Russian. In school, I was placed second in Northern Ireland for GCSE Irish, and was awarded the Lumen Christi Ars Eloquentiae Award for the top performing student in Modern Languages.

Employment History:

2016: Legal Secretary, Caldwell & Robinson Solicitors, Derry

I took calls, assisted on client meetings, scheduled appointments, reviewed client files, conducted legal research, sorted mail and helped to run the busy office.

2017-2018: Law Senator, Trinity College Academic Senate, Dublin

I represented my classmates within the Law School on the college’s Academic Senate, working closely with the Law School to address any issues students raised and to resolve them as quickly and efficiently as possible.

2018 – Present: Intake Officer, International Refugee Assistance Project, USA

I am currently working as an Intake Officer with the International Refugee Assistance Project. I interview potential clients, many of whom are refugees seeking relocation to the USA. I work with attorneys in assessing cases, and helping with the intake process. In this role, I have received training in working with interpreters, as many of the clients do not speak English.

2018 - Present: Legal Assistant, Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation, USA

In this role, I assist attorneys in assessing the feasibility of potential clients’ claims. As a legal assistant, I complete interviews with clients, review client files, undertake legal research, draft documents, and undertake other support tasks.

I have also undertaken paid employment in the hospitality industry as a waitress and a bar tender.