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To whom it may concern,

My name is Tiernan Shaw, and I would like to apply for the Byrne Wallace Summer Internship Programme 2020. I am twenty-two years old, and currently in my final year of study at University College Cork, where I am part of the BCL (International) programme. I have studied a large number of different modules since I began studying in UCC in 2016, and my primary interests are in commercial law, particularly contract, white-collar crime and competition law. I have worked in a number of different jobs since I was sixteen years old, but I have never had the opportunity of working in a legal firm. I believe an opportunity such as the summer intern programme would be a fantastic way for me to receive some experience of working with well-established legal professionals, as well as improving my own knowledge and understanding of commercial law.

As someone who has always had to work in order to fund my college education and general living, I initially failed to balance study with my occupation and found it difficult to keep pace with the rest of my class. However, despite remaining in full-time work until half-way through second year, I worked hard and persevered in my efforts to improve my grades, resulting in an increase in my average grade in every semester since I began studying in UCC. My most recent semester average is 65%, an 11% increase from my first semester in UCC. I believe this is reflective of my general work ethic and competitiveness, as I love to improve my existing skills as well as adding to them with new ones.

Outside of college, my primary interests are in film and television, particularly in writing. I was Senior English Student of the Year in my final year of secondary school, and I hope to one day publish my own novel. I partake in Speaker Development mock debates on Tuesday afternoons and football on Friday evenings, as I love to socialise and network with students my age who have a variety of different interests. I love to take on new challenges, and spent a semester abroad in Rotterdam in my third year of university where I had the amazing opportunity to receive education through a totally different system and meet young legal students from all over the world. I submitted research on white-collar crime and organised crime, and wrote a 5,000 word research paper on Christiania as an anthropological society which received a perfect mark from 10. I prefer team-work to individual assignments, but often find myself assuming the role of leader in group projects as I like to ensure that the work is delegated efficiently and that everyone is pulling their weight and not struggling with their tasks.

I appreciate you considering my application, and I hope that this is merely the beginning of a fantastic new experience!

Kind regards,

Tiernan Shaw