Re: Summer Internship Programme 2017

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Dear Sir/Madam,

As a master’s student in UCD, I am seeking a position on your summer internship programme. I graduated from Trinity College last year with a BA in European Studies where I studied Russian, French, History, Political Science and Sociology. I spent my third year studying in the Gorky Literary Institute in Moscow, just ten minutes from Red Square. I am currently completing the two-year Master’s in Common Law in UCD.

As ByrneWallace is one of the most prominent firms in Ireland, I would love the opportunity to gain experience in such an exciting and fast-paced environment. I attach a copy of my CV, which details my relevant work and extra-curricular experience.

I have always had a strong interest in law, stemming from my involvement in Amnesty International in both school and university. I became involved with campaigns such as the international campaign to end the death penalty and the marriage equality campaign. I also have a keen interest in commercial affairs, particularly after the UK’s decision to leave the EU. There are very many opportunities and challenges that Brexit presents to Ireland. For example in her speech on January 17th, Theresa May explained that she may decide to cut corporate tax rates in order to compete, which would pose enormous challenges for Ireland’s open economy which has relied heavily on foreign direct investment. I am excited and deeply interested in the change that is occurring in the current commercial and political landscape. ByrneWallace would be an ideal place to work in this fast changing landscape.

In this constantly changing environment, it is necessary to have employees who understand Ireland’s place in the world and can appreciate and comprehend the shifting backdrop of world politics. I believe that through my studies, living and working abroad and my volunteering activities, I am capable of meeting this challenge.

Through my undergraduate and graduate studies I have demonstrated critical thinking skills. I have developed organisation skills through my time living in Russia where I balanced study, working multiple jobs as a self-employed English teacher and volunteering. Also, I have developed communication skills, which I learnt through studying languages, working as a teacher and working as a class representative for the UCD Student’s Union and Sutherland School of Law, where I sit on the programme board of the School of Law and liaise with staff members over issues of concern to students.

I thank you for the opportunity to apply and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Fenton