Dear sir/madam,

My name is Sinéad Vaughan. I am a third year BA International Legal Studies, Sociology and Politics student, Thomson Reuters Round Hall Recipient and University Scholar from NUI Galway/Leiden University. I am applying to your Summer Internship Programme 2018 which I saw advertised on the Byrne Wallace website.

Interning with Byrne Wallace would provide me with the opportunity to use the skills and experience that I have gained from playing the piano, volunteering, working in the legal and non-legal industies and studying abroad.

I began playing the piano at thirteen and finished my final piano exam when I was seventeen. Piano has taught me how to set goals through breaking down the piano pieces to practicable chunks and spending a certain amount of time on each one. My main volunteering experiences have been with the NUI Galway Cancer Society, NUI Galway FLAC society and the NUI Galway Student’s Union CÉIM programme.

Through volunteering for the Relay for Life I had the opportunity to organise and create my own team, ‘Last Minutes’ and the events of our stand which we used to fundraise money. With the NUI Galway FLAC Society I had my first legal experience through helping to run and attending the legal clinics.

As a CÉIM Law Leader I had the opportunity to run with my co leader weekly sessions that lasted an hour long where I would provide academic support for topics that students felt difficult or were unsure of. Also I would provide non-academic support through helping student’s access services in relation to issues that may affect or become a barrier to academic success like health or finance issues.

Through interning for Mrs Meehan and Mr Binchy I had the opportunity to expand my legal knowledge into areas that I had no prior experience of, either through researching for cases or conducting legal writing. I have found the skills that I learned here to be relevant even when studying abroad on Erasmus at Leiden University where I had the opportunity to expand my legal knowledge into areas that are not on offer at NUI Galway or legal knowledge about other countries.

These experiences have helped developed my leadership, communication, team work, research and attention to detail skills which I believe will be beneficial to my contribution to your programme if chosen but also to the experience of the other interns. The area in particular that I have developed an interest in due to my vast experience is data protection and privacy which is an area that Byrne Wallace practices in and that I would love to gain practical experience in.

Thank you for taking your time to read this cover letter and adjoining Curriculum Vitae. I am only available for Skype, Video Conference or telephone interviews as I am currently still on Erasmus in the Netherlands till late May/early June.

Yours faithfully,

Sinéad Vaughan