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Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Tamoor Barlas, and I am a final year business and law student in UCD. I am writing to apply for the summer internship programme 2018 at Byrne Wallace.

I was initially drawn to Byrne Wallace because of the friendly trainees I met at the Internship Fair on the 2nd of February 2018. During our conversation, I was pleased to learn that interns are treated like regular trainees and are given responsibility early on. Furthermore, as I have a keen interest in Corporate M&A, Byrne Wallace was a natural fit due to its reputation in the area. Byrne Wallace has been ranked amongst Ireland's Top 10 Merger and Acquisition (M&A) Legal Advisers in 2016 by Experian MarketIQ UK and Republic of Ireland M&A Review. Finally, the firm's culture of charitable giving and volunteerism is congruent with my values and beliefs. For example, I've also been involved in volunteering, having recently raised €1,000 for children in Temple Street Hospital. The firm's active approach towards making a difference in the community is admirable, making it the perfect choice for me. By interning at a prestigious firm such as Byrne Wallace, I hope to gain an insight into the demands of working at a leading commercial law firm.

Both my academic and extracurricular experiences have given me the necessary skills to be a successful intern with Byrne Wallace. My undergraduate degree in business and law taught me the skills needed for the close analysis and interpretation of legal text, a prerequisite for any solicitor. Furthermore, last summer I had the privilege of interning with KPMG in their Tax Consulting Group, where I engaged in various activities ranging from drafting multiple accounting documents to compliance work for large national and multinational corporations which significantly improved my attention to detail and drafting skills. In addition to this, I was involved in carrying out tax and legislative research primarily revolving around the use of International Double Taxation Agreements which allowed me to enhance my research skills considerably. My time at Michelle Cronin and Co. Solicitors helped me learn valuable lessons in how regional law firms operate and it exposed me to the pressures under which solicitors in such firms work.

Throughout college, I have been involved in a variety of extra-curricular activities. During the 2016-2017 period, I was treasurer of UCD ArabSoc in which I engaged in preparing accurate financial statements and securing grants for projects such as the UCD Syrian Charity Week. This year, I hold a leadership position as Financial Sector Manager of Conscious Investors, a branch of UCD Investors and Entrepreneurs society. Here, I had the opportunity to lead a research team of three people to conduct an in-depth analysis of the operations of financial institutions and the potential implications on share prices. Under my leadership, we successfully wrote a report on Bank of America Merrill Lynch which was included in the final investment report of the Student Managed Fund.

My interests outside of college include graphic design, a skill which I have taught myself. The rendering and C4D style mostly inspire my visuals and often combine these to recreate visuals. I often include typography in my work to convey a message. I also have a budding interest in investing. My role models are Warren Buffet and Ken Fisher from whom I have learned a lot when investing my own money.

Overall, my previous work experience and substantial involvement in society life have helped me to become an ideal candidate to thrive in Byrne Wallace. Thank you in advance for your time, and I hope to speak with you soon.

Yours sincerely,  
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