Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to be considered for the advertised summer internship programme. I am a final year Business and Law student in UCD, with a keen interest in a career in commercial law.

I believe a career with Byrne Wallace, offers me some excellent benefits; the opportunity to work develop in a prestigious company. The opportunity to after the internship to do a traineeship appeals to me of course as it offers me a great opportunity to start my career as a solicitor. From reading about the internship, I like the idea of working across various teams and getting a chance to work on a variety of tasks. Furthermore, the chance to learn via seminars, and informal meeting I think gives me a great chance to learn more about a career in law, as opposed to walking into a traineeship in a year time blind. I think the experience I have gained doing case studies in my corporate finance course coupled with the legal case study work in all of my law course offers me a competitive edge over applicants who may have studied pure law.

My interest in law came from conversations with my parents’ friends and a TY work experience. At the stage I only really saw it as a great opportunity to be able to deal with new and interesting problems daily and I really enjoyed the concept of doing this for life. So, I chose Business and Law in UCD.

As I have progressed in my course, I began to become more interested in the problem-solving elements of law and corporate financial management. I enjoyed the challenge of coming up with creative solutions via research. As someone who is competitive, I enjoy the analytical and quantitative modules however, I preferred the problem questions in law as I liked the idea of researching my own ideas and then creating a “case”, to then argue. A brief stint in Maples last summer allowed me to see this in action.

Last summer, I had an internship with Davy Group and was placed in their DavySelect team. This is the team of execution-only traders, and intermediaries for financial consultants. I provided front-of-office duties such as customer support; updating personal details, assisting with fund requests and assistance with account openings and closings. While I was only meant to be there for a month, I was asked to continue working for the team for an additional fortnight.

I am self-motivated as evidence by my decision to go to France and Canada. I would also note that I built on my negotiations skills as I negotiated a daily rate above the industry on the back of consistent quality work given solo projects to complete by defined deadlines.

I think your internship programme provides me a fantastic way to add value to your organisation while displaying my strong work ethic. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Thomas Matthews