

TESTIMONIAL - JCU Career Services Center, Summer 2015

My name is Ksenia Kurileva and I graduated from *John Cabot University* in December 2014 with a BA degree in **Business Administration** and a minor in **Italian Studies**. Currently, I am a *Governance and Projects intern* at **Impact Hub Rome**. Impact Hub is not your traditional work place. It is an innovation centre, a co-working space and a community where individuals, who are passionate about creating social impact and change, come together.

Our members are diverse in every way and, through this open yet small community, I have been fortunate to meet and get to know many of them on a personal level. Their ideas range from creating sustainable businesses and establishing online start-ups to applying new educational approaches and promoting **innovation among young people**.

A large part of what we do as a team is called hosting, where we introduce new members to our space and engage them in our community by holding workshops and events. My primary role as an intern entails researching new initiatives and opportunities for the Hub team to get involved with, at the local and global level. John Cabot prepared me to work in an **international business setting** through the selection of courses offered, such as **Multicultural Negotiations, Innovation, and Technology**, which have proved to be incredibly useful during my internship.

This internship was important because it provided me with practical experience and improved my **networking, problem-solving and organizational management skills**. I definitely recommend it to JCU students, especially to those pursuing their studies in **International Affairs and Business**. I believe that the best form of education is learning from people and their stories. Through the members at our local Hub and the global network of Hubs, I have gained greater awareness of social issues and I have been inspired and motivated to create a **positive social change**.



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