

Career Services Internship Testimonial



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My name is Jamila Gulec. I graduated from John Cabot University in 2009 with a B.A. in Communications. I worked for Studio Ega as an intern from the end of June until mid July when I participated in the G8 2009 event in L'Aquila, Italy. I was positioned as an accommodation receptionist where I would assist Presidents, Heads of States and Delegates who participated in the event, including presidential figures such as President Abdoulaye Wade (Senegal), President Barak Obama, Prime Minister Stephen Harper (Canada), President Nicolas Sarkozy (France), Chancellor Angela Merkel (Germany), Prime Minister Taro Aso (Japan), Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi (Italy), Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan (Turkey), Leader Muammar al-Gaddafi (Libya), and Prime Minister Gordon Brown (UK).

Country delegates also staying at the hotel included those from the USA, Senegal, Libya, United Kingdom, Canada and France.

As a receptionist I was required to make sure that they felt as comfortable as possible. Anything that they needed I was to be sure they had. I also had to be absolutely sure that all of the presidential figures and the delegates were checked in and accounted for, as well as checked out, and accounted for at departure. I also had to know where the delegates needed to go, and the best way for them to get to their next destination in the summit.

Working for the G8 was the best week-long experience I ever had. I encountered a majority of the political figures, including the delegates, and got to have brief conversations with them. I think talking to Barak Obama was the icing on the cake!

I worked with an amazing staff, the majority of them multilingual, so there was always someone there who could translate for me and the tasks assigned by these important people could be carried out. The G8 was well organized, and the working environment was fantastic. I could not have applied for a better internship.

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