

Career Services Internship Testimonial



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Hi! My name is Giulia Campagna and I just graduated in Business Administration with a minor in International Affairs from John Cabot University. As I was approaching the end of my studies at JCU, I felt the need to gain some work experience to strengthen both my academic and professional profile. In particular, I believed that doing an internship was the first step towards my future career.

Last February I began a 6 month-internship at the U.S. Embassy, specifically in the GSO, Shipping and Visitors office. There, not only did I have the opportunity to meet and work closely with important diplomatic figures, but I also found a second home! In fact, all the people I was surrounded by were very friendly, starting with my bosses. I had several tasks that ranged from performing administrative duties to serving as an intermediary between diplomats and Italian agencies, such as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Motor Vehicle Department, or the Customs House. It was impossible to get bored!

One of the most distinguishing features of working at the U.S. Embassy, as opposed to another institution, is that there is a high level of communication and transparency amongst the offices. That is why, for example, if I had to study for a midterm or a final I did not hesitate to tell my boss and take one or two days off. Also, given that everyone knows what other offices are working on, it is very easy to immediately get involved and become an active member of such a multicultural and diverse community.

This experience has enriched me a lot, as I have now become more patient, confident, and enterprising. Working at the U.S. Embassy certainly provided me with the right tools to start my paid internship at Ernst and Young Switzerland in September, which I obtained through participation in the JCU Career Fair.

My suggestion is to “carpe diem” the opportunities offered by the John Cabot University Career Services and go to the Career Fair! They both changed my life.

- Giulia Campagna