

TESTIMONIAL - *JCU Center for Career Services, Fall 2015*

My name is Joseph Astrella, I graduated from *John Cabot University* in Spring 2015 with a Bachelor's Degree in **Political Science**. I have always sought to gain experience working with a major inter-governmental organization that deals with **international development**. When I discovered through the *Career Services Centre*, that the **Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)**



was seeking an intern, I was certain that the vacant position would be an excellent opportunity to experience a culturally diverse working environment that promotes my political interests by facilitating policy sharing, international action and sustainable development.

Since I enrolled at *John Cabot University*, I knew that I would remain in Italy for longer than my studies would dictate. Thanks to the **Career Services Centre** and my own hard work and dedication, I was able to land the intern position and work at FAO for four months, **until my contract was waived and redrafted into a full time position.**

FAO leads international efforts to defeat hunger. Serving both developed and developing countries, acting as a neutral forum where all nations meet as equals to negotiate agreements and debate policy. Moreover, FAO is a pronounced source of knowledge and information.

Similar to the learning experience at *John Cabot University*, **interning at FAO has allowed me to thrive within an international environment and further enhance my critical thinking and analytic skills.** My advice to students seeking an internship would be to take great advantage of the **JCU Career Services Centre**; they have the ability to open an expedient door that all students should utilize.

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