

## MORELLE LEGG INTERNATIONAL INTERN



### Claudia Falcon '24

**Hometown:** Lima, Peru

**Class Year:** 2024

**Major:** Economics and Business

**City/Country:** Madrid, Spain

**Employer:** Mondo Consultora

My summer internship at Mondo Consultora in Madrid, Spain, was an

incredible experience filled with valuable lessons and professional growth. From the moment I arrived, I was embraced by a diverse and inclusive team including two other interns, Ashton from the University of Alabama and Megan from Carleton University in Canada. I immediately felt at home in the friendly and welcoming work environment.

One of my initial tasks involved collaborating with my fellow interns to update the company's deck, with a focus on highlighting our latest client, Trampoline. After numerous drafts, we proudly presented the final deck to the company's board, who were thoroughly impressed with our work. As my internship progressed, I was assigned to work on an important database project. My goal was to gather information on various companies in the Iberoamerican real estate industry, which allowed Mondo Consultora to create meaningful connections and explore potential future projects. This research experience helped me improve my analytical skills and highlighted the significance of building professional networks. In addition

to my involvement in various projects, I was entrusted with the task of reviewing the company's financial statements and providing advice on cost management and revenue optimization. This exposure to the financial aspects of the business allowed me to gain insights into decision-making processes and contribute in a more strategic capacity.

Looking back on my journey, I am immensely grateful for the projects I have been a part of, as they have reinforced the skills I acquired in the classroom.



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### Abigail Heaton '25

**Hometown:** Menlo Park, CA  
**Major:** Economics and Mathematics bridge  
**Internship:** Central, Hong Kong  
**Employer:** Marbury

I spent two months interning in Hong Kong and had such an incredible time. My internship was with a small company called Marbury that is a Hong Kong-based consulting firm. I worked in compliance, so I was tasked primarily with filling out reports to determine which of our client companies are compliant with current Hong Kong Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorist Funding laws. I then helped notify the companies as to which documents we need from them to help prove they are compliant. It was such an amazing experience to be able to work in a real world work environment especially, in a totally new place. I learned how to collaborate with people of all backgrounds and how to learn new information and methods at a fast pace. Taking strategies I've been taught in school, such as teamwork or technical skills such as Microsoft applications, were super vital to my success in my internship. Getting to live in another country was so incredible and so rewarding to be able to explore. This internship abroad was truly the most influential and exciting experience of my life and I would do it again in a heartbeat. I believe anyone eligible should apply, as I'm sure an internship abroad would invigorate them too.



### Molly Hirner '25

**Hometown:** Kansas City, MO  
**Major:** Economics and Mathematics  
**City/Country:** Cape Town, South Africa  
**Employer:** The Institute for Justice and Reconciliation

I was an economic research intern at the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, also known as IJR, in Cape Town, South Africa, this summer! I worked with the Sustainable Development group within IJR. I assisted with a project which focused on agricultural land redistribution from the government to local rural communities, and I created Public Service Announcement posters specifically on the topic of women's rights and economic empowerment. I was also able to work on a policy brief about gender economic inequality in South Africa, and I was able to sit in on IJR presentations to different universities and research groups. During my time in Cape Town, I have been able to do so many different activities! I visited Table Mountain, went on a safari, visited Robben Island, saw penguins at the Cape, ate traditional South African food, took surfing lessons, went to many museums, and went on a wine-tasting tour! I not only learned how to advocate for myself abroad and make new friends in an entirely new environment, but I was also able to learn the ins and outs of a non profit organization and grass-root operation techniques. I am so grateful for this experience, as I gained so many important and amazing lessons from it! Thank you to Sandi George Tracy, Professor Courtney Collins, Connect 123, and the Eckels family for this opportunity!



### Rhys Hourmont '24

**Hometown:** Clifton Park, NY  
**Major:** Business-Finance  
**City/Country:** Paris, France  
**Employer:** Les Eco Maires

My internship consisted of conducting political and environmental research for a non profit company called Les Eco Maires in the height arrondissement of Paris, France. During my time at Les Eco Maires, I was able to significantly improve my ability to conduct extensive research and write meaningful and useful reports. I was tasked with creating reports on major cities' environmental/political adaptation plans to combat global warming. Through this research, I was able to create plans for developing cities to create their own adaptation plans to combat global warming as well. Although this was not directly a business-related internship, I was able to be creative and find financial and economic information about these plans. This allowed me to understand some of the financial burdens of each city's different adaptation plans. I was then able to come up with rough estimates of the cost of adaptation plans for certain cities based on their population, largeness, and economic power within their country. I was able to put my own creative spin on my assignments. Additionally, I was able to learn a lot about French work culture and French culture in general. I found this to be the most beneficial accomplishment for me, as France is a place that I see myself living and working full-time after graduation. I am very thankful for the opportunity and learning experience this internship abroad has given me.



### Sarah Jackson '24

**Hometown:** Little Rock, Arkansas  
**Major:** International Studies/Political Science and Political Economics  
**City/Country:** Dublin, Ireland  
**Employer:** TASC (Think Tank for Action On Social Change)

During my summer in Ireland, I had the opportunity to intern at TASC, a think tank for action on social change. Throughout my internship I conducted research on trends among youth voters and policy on the topics of artificial intelligence, hate speech, and healthcare throughout the EU. This research gave me a better understanding of Ireland's system of government and the political climate of the EU. Furthermore, during my time at TASC I was able to help with the launch of "The People's Transition: Community-led Development for Climate Justice." This experience enabled me to interact with locals outside of Dublin and learn about their experiences with climate-related issues. Following this report launch I was able to see these communities pioneer their own climate initiatives to increase the standard of living while simultaneously reducing their environmental impact. One of the biggest things I took away from this experience is the importance of a supportive work environment and of building relationships with your coworkers. I am incredibly appreciative for this scholarship, which gave me the ability to form these relationships that I will have even as I return to the U.S.



### Caroline Kilgore '24

**Hometown:** Louisville, KY  
**Major:** Business (Marketing)  
**City/Country:** Dublin, Ireland  
**Employer:** Accuracy Research

I had the pleasure of spending my summer in Dublin, Ireland, interning as a marketing researcher for Accuracy Research. As an intern, I aided in the research of a variety of different markets and target audiences for large-scale clients such as pharmaceuticals, universities, and construction companies. Accuracy provides multinational companies with key insights into the Irish market that helps determine how they would fit within the Irish market. This research in turn shapes marketing strategies to best suit domestic consumers. At Accuracy, I aided in conducting qualitative (interviews, focus groups, etc.) and quantitative (surveys, etc.) research with the goal in mind of helping companies better utilize their marketing efforts to serve Irish clients. This internship taught me a lot about the importance of communication between companies and consumers and further developed my interest in international and consultant marketing. I felt well prepared for my role at Accuracy given the knowledge I attained from my Business and Economics courses at Rhodes, particularly BUS 473, BUS 371, and ECON 290. Getting this real-world experience at Accuracy only solidified my interests and skills that began inside the classroom. Additionally, Dublin was a fantastic destination for an internship suited for my interest, as there is a thriving business ecosystem with an abundance of multinational corporations. I am so grateful to have gotten this opportunity and would like to thank Rhodes College and its donors for providing me with the Theodore Eckles scholarship that made this experience possible.



### Rebekah Rath '25

**Hometown:** Monroe, WI  
**Major:** Economics & Business  
**City/Country:** Buenos Aires, Argentina  
**Employer:** La Machi

For my internship, I traveled to Buenos Aires, Argentina, to work with an international communications agency, La Machi, Communication for Good Causes. I learned a lot about the field of communications and picked up skills along the way in organization, time management, teamwork, and content creation. The work I was doing included planning, writing, and then designing social media posts for one of their clients as well as completing or reviewing translations for any project necessary. During all this, I went through the growing pains of completing my first internship and thoroughly enjoyed my time with La Machi.

While in Argentina, I had to mix work with fun, and when I had the time, I traveled and attempted to experience all that Argentina has to offer. I visited the waterfalls in Iguazu and the mountains in Bariloche. I also went to Montevideo, Uruguay, for a day and rode horses on the beach! My chosen program provider, Connect-123, had a lot to do with the success of my trip. Through Connect, I was provided housing and the program coordinator was extremely

helpful in my adjustment to life in Buenos Aires. Rhodes faculty and staff, and the generous scholarship, along with the expertise of Connect-123, provided everything I needed for my experience this summer to be extraordinary and unforgettable. Thank you!



### Wyatt Trammel '24

**Major:** Economics and Business  
**Hometown:** Vestavia Hills, AL  
**Country:** Dublin, Ireland  
**Company:** Diaspora Loan Fund

This summer I had the great opportunity to intern for the Irish Diaspora Loan Fund (IDLF) through the Theodore William Eckles International Internship Program. The IDLF is a senior debt fund regulated and authorized by the Central Bank of Ireland as well as the Irish Department of Justice. IDLF was the first Investment Fund established exclusively for the purpose of the Irish Immigrant Investor Programme (IIP). The Irish Government created the Immigrant Investor Programme (IIP) to facilitate non-EEA nationals and their families to secure residency status in Ireland.

The Irish Immigrant Investor Programme (IIP) is a residency by investment scheme that is available to any non-EEA nationals who agree to invest in Ireland and can meet certain requirements. The IIP requires each applicant to submit a minimum investment of €1 million from the applicant's own resources (i.e. not through a loan), which must be committed for a minimum of three years.

I worked on the lending side of the fund, which included financing to small to medium businesses, mainly hotels and nursing homes in more rural Ireland, and fostering and promoting tourist activity and job growth in less populated areas of Ireland. I was able to work with colleagues in facilitating a shareholder buyout for one of our clients as well as visit many existing and potential borrowers. I also had the opportunity to meet with current and future investors and attend board meetings, keeping both up to date on our loan portfolio and trajectory moving forward. This was truly a once in a lifetime opportunity and a learning experience I don't think I could have gotten anywhere else.

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