

MORELLE LEGG INTERNATIONAL INTERN



Adeline Carroll '25

Hometown: Vestavia Hills, AL
Major: Economics
City/Country: Valencia, Spain
Employer: Españolé

I had the opportunity to go to Valencia, Spain and work with the Activities Director of the Spanish school, Españolé. I was able to help the director with planning and setting up culturally immersive activities for students like cooking and dancing classes, restaurant and bar visits, and even sailing courses. In addition, the Activities Director lead the introduction of new students on Mondays and the departure of students on Fridays, so my primary role throughout my time at Españolé was in getting those students to their placement tests, getting them the rights textbooks, helping them to their classrooms, and gathering their personal information to compile into the school's app the students could use for activity signup. Besides the obvious improvements of my language skills from constant professional immersion in the workplace, I learned about the many moving parts of business administration – from bookkeeping to event planning this internship gave me exposure to so many facets of running a successful business with clientele spanning across all age groups and nationalities. I experienced first-hand the role communication and collaboration play in a successful business, and am so thankful for the opportunity to challenge myself in a professional, academic, and personal way in Valencia.

WASFY ISKANDER INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP



Jackson Raymark '25

Hometown: Seneca, SC
Major: Economics and Mathematics
City/Country: Dublin, Ireland
Employer: Think Tank for Action on Social Change (TASC)

I am a senior Economics and Mathematics major planning on pursuing a graduate degree in Economics. I completed my International Internship in Dublin, Ireland with a company called Think Tank for Action on Social Change (TASC). At TASC I completed economic research within the Public Sector focusing on income inequality, essential-worker quality of life, artificial intelligence policy, and pension reform. During this research I contributed to TASC's annual Inequality Report and wrote survey questions that were completed by more than 70,000 Irish citizens. TASC is planning to analyze and report on these survey results in the coming year in an effort to keep pushing for progressive policy reform. I learned a considerable amount about trade unions and pension systems through my research and got a much better grasp on the processes within the public sector.

Outside of work, I also learned about Irish culture through trips organized by my internship provider, Connect123. More importantly, I eventually got the hang of the public bus system! My European escapades also extended to Northern Ireland, Scotland, Belgium, and the Netherlands, where I visited many beautiful and culturally rich cities such as Belfast, Edinburgh, Ghent, and Amsterdam.

Theodore William Eckels International Business Internship:

These internships are awarded annually to outstanding sophomore or junior students with a 3.2+ GPA (overall and major) and a declared major in either the Department of Business or Economics. This award allows students to work abroad for eight weeks during the summer. The internship will cover the cost of airfare and accommodations while living abroad. This is a merit-based scholarship named in honor of business leader Theodore William Eckels to advance the Rhodes Vision to graduate students with a passion for lifelong learning, compassion for others, and the ability to translate academic study and personal concern into effective leadership and action in their communities around the world.

Morelle Legg International Internship for Women:

The Morelle Legg International Internship is awarded to an outstanding female in either the Department of Economics or Business to allow her to obtain work experience in a foreign country during the summer following her junior year. A 3.2+ GPA (overall and in the major) is required. The scholarship covers the cost of an eight week internship including costs related to travel to and from the host country, housing, meals, and incidentals. This is a merit-based scholarship funded by an anonymous donor.

Wasfy Iskander International Internship:

This scholarship is awarded to an outstanding sophomore or junior with a major in the Department of Economics. A 3.2+ GPA (overall and in the major) is required. The purpose of the Wasfy Iskander International Internship is to allow the recipient to obtain work experience in a foreign country for six to eight weeks during the summer. The scholarship pertains to costs associated with commuting to and from the host country, housing, meals, and incidentals. This is a merit-based scholarship named in honor of Economics Professor Wasfy Iskander who taught at Rhodes College from 1969-2002.

The program is coordinated by the chairs of the Departments of Business and Economics, the Career Services staff, and the Business and Economics faculty. Please contact these departments with questions about the program or application materials.



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THEODORE ECKELS INTERNATIONAL INTERNS



Madelyn Bertsch '25

Hometown: Conifer, CO
Major: Business and Economics
Internship: San Jose, Costa Rica
Employer: Amor en Paleta

Over the summer, I worked as a micro-business intern at a company called Amor en Paleta located in San Jose, Costa Rica. I was able to gain

experience in the Spanish language, crisis management, and overall business management.

My responsibilities changed daily at the company; I collaborated with business owners to create a crisis management plan, oversaw order fulfillment, expanded marketing outreach, and audited customer invoices to verify payment. The small size of the company allowed me to participate and learn from all aspects of the business. Shadowing the owners taught me what managing a small business is like, what problems could arise, and potential solutions. I now have a clear picture of how a business should be run and will be able to apply my insights and ideas to future employment.

I was completely immersed in the Spanish culture and language; all business was conducted in Spanish and I communicated to my host family in Spanish as well. This advanced my business vocabulary, my overall fluency, and my understanding of Costa Rica's social and business cultures.

The combination of my internship and my time spent exploring Costa Rica has provided me with unique experiences and a reformed perspective that will advance both my personal and professional development.



Gaarrison Holran '25

Hometown: Falls Church, VA
Major: Business and International Studies
Double Major
City/Country: London, England
Employer: The Ringley Group

This summer I completed an internship with the Ringley Group in London, England. The Ringley

Group is a property management firm, and I worked jointly with their accounting department and compliance department. I was given many tasks from both departments ranging from audits, financial analysis, data cleansing, contract analysis, statutory compliance management, and so much more. I was truly treated like a full-time employee and learned so much through my significant and involved tasks. I was glad that the internship was constantly engaging and challenging, as I believe I learned more because of it, and got a true sense of what working in this industry is like. I learned much about the working world and professionalism in London, and feel I am better prepared for entering the job force after graduation because of this experience. I was also exposed to so much more through the people I met. I was living with other students from Japan, Italy, Brazil, Ireland, Australia, and Spain, and became friends with all of them. Through these friends I learned so much about all their home countries and cultures.



Abby MacLean '26

Hometown: Denver, CO
Major: Economics and Mathematics
City/Country: Prague, Czechia
Employer: BioResources and Technology Division at The Czech University of Life Sciences Prague

This summer, I had the privilege of spending 2 months in Prague where

I was an intern at the BioResources and Technology Division at The Czech University of Life Sciences Prague which researches sustainable technology and its implementation around the world. During my time at BRT, I was able to improve my research and communication skills from the various projects I worked on. This included research about food security, the implementation of biogas plants in the Global South, and other topics related to sustainability. I had the opportunity to work with the communications team to create educational content for their social media and provide insight regarding several project websites they have created. I gained exposure to research projects funded by the European Union that had international cooperation, and gained exposure to the laboratory process.

While in Prague, I got to experience a lifestyle that was new to me, try new foods, and learn how to navigate life in a foreign country. I got to meet amazing people and gained insight that makes me a better informed global citizen. I am so grateful to Rhodes College, the Eckels family, and World Endeavors for this once in a lifetime opportunity! Thank you!



Max Milburn '25

Hometown: Sarasota, FL
Major: International Business
City/Country: Valencia, Spain
Employer: ASPANION

During the summer of 2024, I had the pleasure of interning in Valencia, Spain with ASPANION. ASPANION is a company dedicated

to the financial, psychological, and physical support of children and families in the community that have been affected by childhood cancer. I was fortunate enough to work directly under the directors of the company while also visiting the families and children weekly. The days I was in the office, I was tasked with data entry, streamlining files and documents, and preparing materials for upcoming fundraisers. The days I was not in the office, I was able to work with other volunteers in the local hospitals and clinics. As a team, we would work with the sick children on improving their English-speaking skills and teaching them other simple subjects in English. I would also speak with the families to assess how to best help the child and provide an outlet from their daily struggles with cancer.

Through this experience, I was able to vastly improve my Spanish speaking skills while also observing how Spain works in their respective communities and how it differs from the United States. The opportunity to intern abroad is once in a lifetime and I could not recommend it more.



Madison Sample '26

Hometown: Conway, AR
Major: Business and Philosophy
Double Major
City/Country: Dublin, Ireland
Company: Coleman Legal

This summer I worked in Dublin, Ireland at Coleman Legal, a law firm specializing in medical negligence. The

case that I was assigned to was a class action lawsuit against the Irish health care system where children were prescribed intense dosages of drugs that completely altered their childhoods, school development, and overall mental and physical health. Through this internship, I was able to gain experience in a career that I might want to pursue in the future and learn about the culture and structure of the Irish legal system. I attended court, researched clients' medical records, and worked with solicitors and legal secretaries each day. My experience at Coleman Legal taught me how to work with people from different backgrounds and age groups than me.

Outside of work, I explored the Irish countryside and was able to travel to many different parts of the country. I visited castles and ruins, did many hikes, took boat cruises, and explored the city. I enjoyed my summer and this opportunity immensely, and I am so thankful for this experience that Rhodes was able to provide me. Because of this opportunity I have more clarity in possible career options and have gained the confidence to challenge myself academically and professionally.



JM Simms '25

Hometown: Lexington, KY
Major: International Business and Spanish
City/Country: Atenas, Costa Rica
Employer: Atenas Webshop

This summer, I interned in Atenas, Costa Rica, with Atenas Webshop (AWS), a packaging and courier service that facilitates the shipment

of goods from the United States to Costa Rica. My role primarily involved customer service and translation, helping bridge the communication gap between Spanish-speaking employees and English-speaking clients. I managed client inquiries, coordinated package deliveries, and ensured smooth operations between our Miami warehouse and Costa Rican distribution.

The internship was a great opportunity to grow my Spanish skills, especially in a professional context. I took 15 hours of Spanish classes, which, combined with daily interactions, significantly expanded my vocabulary and confidence in the language. Additionally, I gained valuable new insights into the logistics of running a small international business. The store owner exposed me to international marketing strategies and the challenges of operating across borders.

I built strong relationships with my coworkers, whom I now consider close friends, and this internship has been and will be extremely helpful in my personal and professional growth. It was an experience I could not recommend to other students more.



William Trotman '25

Hometown: Dallas, TX
Major: Economics
City/Country: Barcelona, Spain
Employer: Active Development

I recently concluded my internship with Active Development, a boutique consulting firm, in Barcelona. During my time there, I further developed

skills in Microsoft Excel and Office, collaborated on various projects with a fantastic team, and improved my Business Spanish proficiency. I was also able to attend and present at client meetings under the direction of my supervisor. The mentorship I received was invaluable, providing guidance and support that significantly enhanced my professional growth.

I am deeply grateful for everyone at Rhodes who supported me throughout my journey. This experience has been instrumental in shaping my career path, and I look forward to applying the skills and knowledge I've gained in future endeavors.

Beyond my professional development, I immersed myself in Barcelona's rich culture and history. I marveled at the architectural wonder of the Sagrada Familia, relaxed on the beach, and explored the city's numerous museums and historical sites. These activities enriched my overall experience, providing a well-rounded balance to my internship.

Reflecting on my time in Barcelona, I am thankful for the experiences, skills, and connections I have made. I am excited about the future and eager to stay connected with the people I've met along the way.



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