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Qualified applicants are rising junior or senior International Studies majors (including International Studies interdisciplinary majors) with a minimum overall/major GPA of 3.3 and relevant f

APPLICANTS WHO ARE SENIORS

**Sophia Adam '23**

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Major: International Studies

City/Country: Dublin, Ireland

Employer: New Celtic Heritage Partnership

Over the summer, I worked at a non-profit that focused on migrant placement and success after immigrating to Ireland. I worked specifically at the Citizenship Application Support Service division. While there, I helped to digitize their files for the last three years, create a database of their client's applications, administrative work, and even was a citizenship application consultant by the end of my internship. One of the best parts of my internship was all my coworkers had immigrated to Ireland as well, so they had diverse perspectives and tips, as well as sympathy, for the clients we were working with. The biggest takeaway from this experience was the importance of delegation in a work environment. While my manager was extremely friendly, there was a lack of delegation when it came to intern's work tasks. This led to miscommunication at times, which at times, led to lack of work or efficiency on projects; this was eye-opening for me as I am