



# Employment Opportunities

for International Students



UNICI Career Success Centre

## CYPRUS IS AN IDEAL PLACE TO STUDY AND WORK

COMBINING A BEAUTIFUL POPULAR TOURISTIC DESTINATION WITH A DIVERSE LABOUR MARKET

Students can gain experience while studying in either small, medium or large organisations, with the opportunity to interact with both locals and internationals. In this way, they employ and develop their soft skills, such as interpersonal skills, diversity, and work ethics, in addition to learning the insights of the job market.

Through such work experience as a student, one's mindset shifts from a theoretical to a technical understanding of the workplace, with a fuller comprehension of the knowledge gained during their studies.

In parallel, essential skills and competencies develop and improve, readying students for a robust career path.

## CYPRUS HOSTS THE FINANCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR

# THOUSANDS OF MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES



## CYPRUS BOASTS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CHARTERED/CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS PER-CAPITA IN THE WORLD



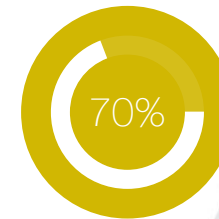
Cypriot people are famous for the warm and friendly welcome they extend to visitors



Cyprus is one of the safest countries in the world. (World Health Organization, 2017)



Much like Singapore and Hong Kong, Cyprus is an important financial and business centre



Over 70% of the economy is focused on services



Key industries: Financial Services, Professional Services, Banking, Shipping, Investment Management, Tourism, Real Estate

**EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE IS PARAMOUNT FOR POST STUDY CAREER SUCCESS** WHETHER IT'S THROUGH INTERNSHIPS, INDUSTRY PROJECTS OR **EXPERIENCE PROGRAMMES**



MENTORING



ACHIEVING GOALS



SHARPENING YOUR SKILLS



KNOWLEDGE



TRAINING



PRACTICE



OPPORTUNITY




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The UNIC Career Success Centre (CSC) supports students in their career exploration journey with vital insights and advice, employability seminars and trainings, company open days, and many more tools and services.

The CSC actively supports and equips students with the tools they need to land an internship or job placement. From their first year at UNIC, students should take advantage of the CSC offerings and opportunities and pursue as many internships during their studies as possible. In this way, they can enhance and develop both their hard and soft skills, with soft skills being the decisive factor in terms of what employers are looking for.

Through working experience, students can shape and develop their marketable skills and be ready for a successful career after study in the competitive job market. More specifically, the CSC has an established and growing network of 800+ industry partners. In any given Academic Year, the CSC cooperates with 500+ companies to assist in filling their openings with the most suitable candidates, posting 500+ job and internship ads in its internal channels and recommending 1500 students and graduates for openings.

The CSC works to develop mutually beneficial relationships with its partners and to connect students, faculty and the industry. Through its highly developed network, the CSC thus gives foreign students the opportunity to gain real-life knowledge and experience.



## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE CSC, **STUDENTS ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO FIND INTERNSHIPS AND GAIN VALUABLE CAREER EXPERIENCE** THROUGH THE EXPANDING NETWORK OF COMPANIES THAT COOPERATE WITH THE UNIVERSITY.

### CLASSICAL INTERNSHIPS

In Cyprus, students on all programmes of study are eligible for an internship opening through the CSC at any point in their studies, provided they meet the requirements of the host organisation in terms of a minimum GPA and certain qualifications. Generally, industry partners of the CSC offer a variety of unpaid internships to international students.

### INDUSTRY LIAISON PROGRAMME

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year undergraduate students who have completed 120 ECTS and are pursuing an internship as an elective course in their programme of study are eligible for an internship placement at a company via the CSC, provided they have a GPA higher than 2.5 or as required by the relevant department of the University/host organisation. This specific internship programme (Industry Liaison Programme) offers financial support to students. It is worth highlighting that 60% of students/alumni initially placed by the Programme were subsequently permanently employed at the host organisation.

### ESPA

The European Student Placement Agency (ESPA) offers opportunities for unpaid internships in the UK and Ireland open to international students.

## ERASMUS + TRAINEESHIP WORK PLACEMENT

ERASMUS+ IS AN EU FUNDED PROJECT  
ENABLING INTERNSHIPS ACROSS EUROPE

The Erasmus+ Traineeship (Work Placement) enables Higher Education students or graduates to go on a work placement for typically 2 to 12 months in an enterprise in another European country, provided they hold a valid travel document and have been granted valid authorization to be entitled to the right to mobility.

### These Traineeships (Erasmus Work Placements) are:

- Supported by the European Commission and include an ERASMUS+ GRANT
- Supported during Bachelor, Master and Doctorate programmes of study and up to one year after graduation
- Recognised by the University of Nicosia and typically contribute to the qualifications either in ECTS credits (usually recognition of internship course) or in the Diploma Supplement

### It is worth highlighting the following figures:

- 64% of employers in Europe consider international experience as an important factor when recruiting employees;
- 92% of employers in Europe are looking for transversal skills such as openness and curiosity about new challenges, problem-solving and decision-making, confidence, and tolerance towards the personal values and behaviours of the "other";
- 80% of students participating in Erasmus are employed within three months of graduating.

\*Source: Erasmus Impact Study, European Commission

**ERASMUS IS THE WORLD'S  
MOST SUCCESSFUL  
MOBILITY PROGRAMME**

TO SUPPORT EDUCATION,  
TRAINING, YOUTH  
AND SPORT IN EUROPE

## IAESTE INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS

Students in the fields of science, engineering, technology and applied arts have the opportunity to participate in the International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience (IAESTE) programme.

IAESTE offers high-quality practical training exchange programmes to students between its member countries, providing an invaluable opportunity for students to kick-start careers in their chosen fields.

The added challenge of working abroad allows students to build their confidence, establish a broader network of friends and associates, and develop skills that will help them make their mark in today's global economy.

Annually, IAESTE serves 4,000 students, 3,000 employers and 1,000 academic institutions, across more than 80 countries worldwide, through: career-focused professional internships abroad; social and intercultural reception programmes; international networking; and a series of other career and employer branding activities.

## UNIC STUDENT ASSISTANTSHIP PROGRAMME

UNIC provides the opportunity to a selected number of students to be engaged as student assistants across various departments and units of the University.

Students interested in applying for student assistantships on campus are expected to be fluent in English and to possess service and customer-oriented skills, excellent communication, collaboration and teamwork skills, as well as a positive attitude.

Interested students undergo a specific selection process in order to be eligible to apply. After satisfying the necessary eligibility criteria, students are required to go through a specially designed training programme.



**UNIC OFFERS TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES** TO ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES AS PART OF THE STUDENT ASSISTANTSHIP PROGRAMME

## HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM STUDENTS

International students enrolled in the Hospitality, Tourism and Sports Management BBA programmes that have successfully completed their first year of study may register for their first internship course.

International students may start their internship from 1 June to the end of September, and may extend this up to 15 October, subject to internship coordinator approval.

All students are required to work fulltime in a pre-approved hospitality facility for a minimum of 480 hours over a minimum twelve-week period, in addition to satisfying the parallel academic criteria, in order to fulfil their degree internship requirements.

Hospitality and Tourism BBA programmes offer two internship courses of minimum 480 hours each, hence, students may complete up to two internship courses during their studies, as per the curriculum.

Internships are usually paid. Priority is given to the learning outcomes of the internship and employers are expected to provide students with accommodation, food and uniforms.

Beyond the internship requirements of these programmes all international students are eligible to pursue 20 hours per week employment in a relevant field for the entire duration of their studies, assuming they have a contract with an employer.



## PARTNERSHIPS WITH INDUSTRY LEADERS

Our target is to create long-lasting strategic partnerships with renowned companies, so our students have the opportunity to work in well-established organisations.

An example is the Deloitte, UNIC, Cass and Globaltraining international collaboration in Accounting and Finance. Under this study route, students have the opportunity of attending two years of academic studies at UNIC, followed by two years at Cass Business School, City, University of London, during which they attend workshops and engage in rich internship experiences with Deloitte (in Deloitte offices in Cyprus and throughout the Middle East).

The international collaboration thus offers candidates the opportunity to obtain two university degrees, the UNIC Bachelor (BSc) in Accounting, and the Cass Bachelor (BSc) in Accounting and Finance, while building their professional skills working alongside Deloitte professionals.

Moreover this collaboration would be of particular interest to anyone eager to pursue a professional qualification such as the ACA, ACCA, CFA, ADIT, CMA, CPA and CIA, which they have the opportunity to attend with Globaltraining, either online or in the classroom.

This study route provides additional advantages, including exemptions to the ACCA and ACA qualifications, as well as automatic registration to the University Student Scheme of the ICAEW and the Accelerate programme of the ACCA. Students will also attend several employability and business skills workshops, which will take place during the summer semester of the first year of academic studies with UNIC. These will be assessed workshops and will act as an integral element of training with Deloitte.

Importantly, candidates pursuing this study route will be eligible for a graduate job with Deloitte.





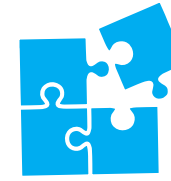
ABILITIES

## EMPLOYMENT DURING STUDIES

According to Cypriot legislation, students can work up to 20 hours per week during the academic semesters or up to 38 hours a week during off study periods (e.g. when there is a semester break), in specific occupations and specified sectors of economic activity, e.g. in health and social care as caregivers of the elderly, in the food industry as delivery drivers, in hotels and restaurants as kitchen assistants. The requirement is that students have spent at least 6 months of full-time study in Cyprus.



PROFESSIONAL



ADVANCED

## DISTANCE LEARNING STUDENTS (DL)

We readily provide our Distance Learning (DL) students with support in identifying remote work opportunities, as elaborated in the previous subsection.



KNOWLEDGE



PROGRESS



## REMOTE WORK OPPORTUNITIES

We are preparing and actively supporting our students for remote work. We are convinced that this is not only the future of work but is already here to stay, with employees realising its numerous benefits. Remote work refers to work carried out remotely, outside the office, i.e. virtually, including from home or another place of choice. It goes hand in hand with time-schedule flexibility and work-life balance. Remote work opportunities can either be full- or part-time, and

include one-off freelance projects, virtual internships, industry experience programmes, and many other options. Clearly, remote work manifestation has never been more pronounced than during the COVID-19 pandemic, forcing emergency work-from-home plans on companies across the board. Our Remote Work working group of students explores remote work opportunities, shares helpful tips and best practices and much more.



CAREER

## POST STUDY OPTIONS

For a smoother transition into the job market, undergraduate students are advised, upon completion of their studies, to continue with postgraduate studies and take advantage of the opportunity to receive a residence permit after graduation for 12 months. Those interested may refer to the following section for more details.



SUCCESS

# POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

Postgraduate students have more employment options due to favourable legislation. Students at the Master's level are eligible for CSC internships (with the exception of the Industry Liaison Programme), Erasmus internships and IASTE internships, as well as paid employment during studies, as in the previous section. Furthermore, remote work opportunities outlined in the previous section are applicable to postgraduate students as well.



## ACROSS THE BOARD INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT IN CYPRUS

After completing their studies, Master's or PhD students can request a residence permit in order to seek employment or set up a business, in their field of study, with the requirement that they have sufficient financial resources to cover subsistence costs and return travel costs. The residence permit may last for up to 12 months, during which a student is entitled to apply for a full-time job/permanent opening in Cyprus that matches their profile. It is up to the company to decide whether to go through the procedure of issuing a work permit for the candidate.

If so, the company must obtain a contract stamped by the Labour Office and pay the salary and the social insurance of the individual accordingly. The work permit is valid for as long as the employment contract is in effect. Once the 12-month residence permit has been granted, then the graduate could potentially explore Erasmus mobility, which is also available 12 months after graduation. In this respect, a graduate can effectively take advantage of the residence permit, while simultaneously looking for a job in Cyprus and gaining professional experience abroad, ultimately boosting their skillset.

## TRAINEESHIPS

Graduates can enter traineeship programmes upon completion of their studies based on criteria set by the specific company. The relevant Labour Law allows companies to hire up to 15% of international trainees. The applicant should provide evidence of having obtained a Higher Education degree within two years preceding the date of application or of pursuing a course of study that leads to a Higher Education degree.

The period of validity of an authorization for trainees shall be for the duration of the training agreement where this is shorter than six months, or for a maximum of six months. If the duration of the agreement is longer than six months, the duration of the validity of the authorisation may correspond to the period of the agreement. The authorization is subject to withdrawal or refusal to renew.

## RESEARCHERS

Graduates can be employed by a research organisation, if they possess a PhD, or a degree required by the research organisation to conduct research. The research organisation should be granted approval in order to be entitled to apply for the admission of an overseas national from the Research and Innovation Foundation. The period of validity of an authorisation for researchers shall be at least one year, or for the duration of the hosting agreement where a shorter period is stipulated. The authorisation is subject to withdrawal or refusal to renew by the Research and Innovation Foundation.

After the research work has been completed, the researchers can request a residence permit in order to seek employment or set up a business; the residence permit may last up to 12 months. In accordance with Cyprus law, researchers may, in addition to research activities, teach; the Ministry of Education will set the maximum hours or days of teaching.

Researchers enjoy the right of mobility within the EU so as to move easily from one research organisation to another for the purpose of research. EU mobility should be applicable within the framework of a Union or multilateral programme that comprises mobility measures or of an agreement between two or more Higher Education institutions.

**UNIC OFFERS SUPPORT AND ADVICE IN EXPLORING THE WORK OPTIONS AND TRAINEESHIPS WITHIN THE EU. CANDIDATES ARE WELCOME TO BROWSE AVAILABLE OPENINGS THROUGH EURES, EU CAREERS AND EURAXESS**

**EU OPPORTUNITIES**

Some non-EU nationals have the right to work in the EU and to be treated equally with EU nationals as regards work conditions. These rights depend on the nationality or on the status as family members of EU nationals.



**EU WORK PERMITS**

Nationals of countries that have an agreement with the EU, namely the 79 countries of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, enjoy the same working conditions as nationals of the host EU country. This also applies in the case of nationals from the following countries: Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Morocco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, San Marino, Russia, Tunisia.

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The right to work in an EU country for nationals of countries with no agreement with the EU depends on the national laws of that country. If the candidate has a family relationship with an EU citizen, then:

- He/She does not need a work permit to work;
- He/She has the right to equal treatment, including access to all social and tax advantages.



## MEDICAL SCHOOL POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

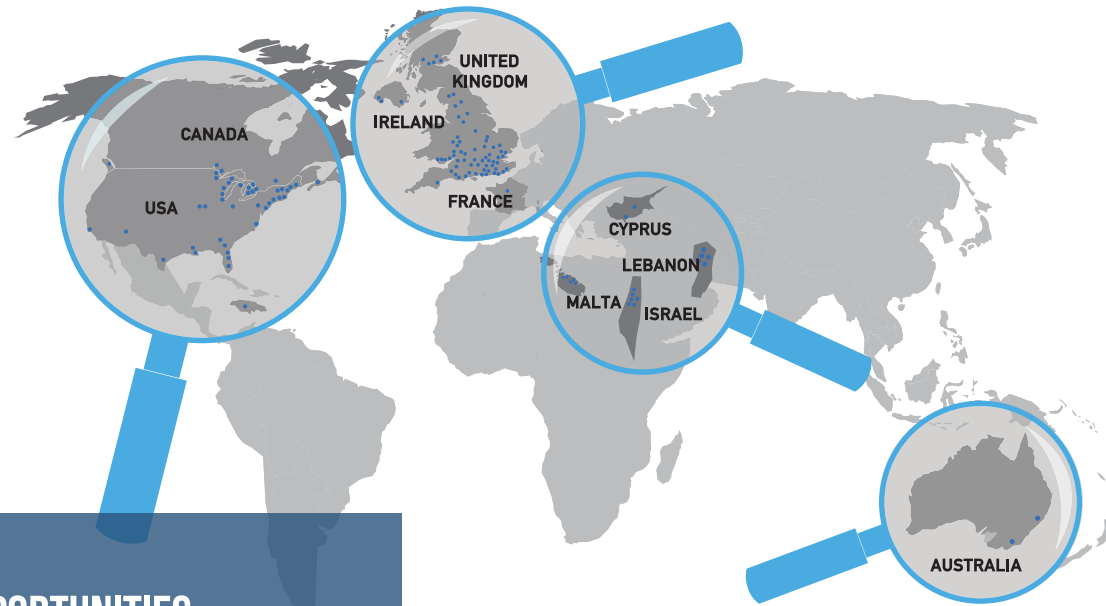
Improve your expertise to better serve the  
expansive and innovative healthcare industry.

### ADVANCE YOUR CAREER THROUGH THE UNIC MEDICAL SCHOOL POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES:

- MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR CAREER PROFESSIONALS,
- MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR CAREER PROFESSIONALS,
- MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FAMILY MEDICINE FOR PRACTISING PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS,
- DOCTORATE IN MEDICAL SCIENCES (PHD) FOR RESEARCH IN ALL DISCIPLINES OR SPECIALTIES OF MEDICINE.

## UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL PROGRAMMES:

- MD, 6-YEAR MEDICAL DEGREE FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES
- MBBS, 4-YEAR GRADUATE-ENTRY UK MEDICAL DEGREE AWARDED BY ST GEORGE'S, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON



### MEDICAL SCHOOL: INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Remarkably, based on employment records by the UNIC Medical School's Careers Office, of a total of 358 graduates (2015 – 2019), 356 or 99.4% have already been offered positions at over 200 medical centres around the world for residency training, internships, and research.

These include medical centres such as John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge, St Mary's Hospital, King's College Hospital and the University College Hospital in London, Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston (Harvard University affiliated), Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, Mount Sinai in New York, the University of Toronto and Dalhousie University in Canada, Sheba Medical Center and Hadassah University Hospital in Israel, the American University of Beirut in Lebanon and the St George Hospital in Kogarah (southern suburb Sydney) and Bairnsdale Regional Health Service (BRHS, Victoria) in Australia.

## GRADUATES OF THE MEDICAL SCHOOL ARE PRACTISING AS DOCTORS AROUND THE WORLD:

**UK, USA, CANADA,  
AUSTRALIA, ISRAEL, LEBANON,  
FRANCE, IRELAND, MALTA,  
CYPRUS AND MORE**

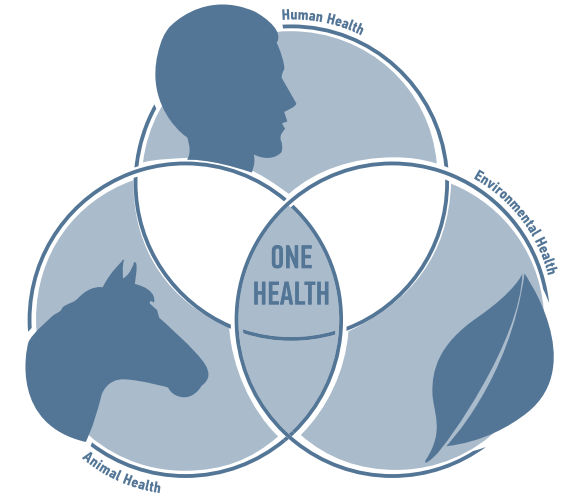


## ONLINE MASTERS OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH)

Students acquire knowledge and skills for managing current and emerging global public health challenges: climate change, armed conflict, forced migration, as well as pandemics.

The programme embraces the One Health concept, recognizing that the health of people is connected to the health of animals and the environment. It addresses critical policy issues and public health challenges in developed and developing countries and provides the opportunity to be eligible to gain a UK Faculty of Public Health qualification.

Our dynamic programme is tailored to the needs of fulltime working professionals and new graduates. By choosing the number of courses per semester, students have the opportunity to determine their time schedule, study pace and workload. In addition, the distance learning mode, comprising online interactive lectures, tutorials, activities, and assignments, allows study outside normal working hours, as well as autonomy and control.





## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (MHSA)

The Master of Science in Health Services Administration (MHSA) is a new programme offered by the University of Nicosia Medical School. This modern programme aims to rigorously prepare students for leadership positions in the rapidly growing field of health services. It serves to advance professionals' careers within the health service industry locally and internationally.

A primary goal of the MHSA is to equip professionals and managers in hospitals, clinics, pharmaceuticals, insurance firms, biotechnology firms, and other health-related settings, with the crucial skills to manage and lead profitable healthcare organisations while, at the same time, delivering high quality services with patient safety at the forefront.

## LEADERSHIP IN HEALTHCARE

Students acquire managerial and leadership skills in key areas such as operations management, legal and ethical decision making, finance, epidemiology, biostatistics, human resource management, health economics, clinical systems management, managerial accounting, quality management, patient safety and more.

All offered courses have been designed specifically for the health services sector. Through utilization of theory, in a research project, field project, or elective pathway, this coursework allows students to analyse complex workplace management problems and implement practical solutions.

## ONLINE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA (PG)/ MASTER (MSc) IN FAMILY MEDICINE

A Postgraduate Diploma (PG) and Master (MSc) in Family Medicine are truly unique programmes for practising clinicians.

Today's healthcare challenges – whether strengthening health systems, improving the quality of our patient care, or enhancing access to healthcare – require strong primary care.

Strong primary care in turn requires competent family doctors who are forward- thinking and keen to develop new relationships with patients and other health professionals in primary and secondary care. To address global population health challenges, the University of Nicosia offers a Postgraduate Diploma and MSc in Family Medicine delivered entirely online. It is a structured continuing professional development programme for physicians working as Family Doctors or in the community with a specialist role in internal medicine, paediatrics, or gynaecology.

**Family medicine is one of the most challenging of all the medical specialties. It involves looking after most of the patients with most of the problems most of the time and therefore needs a really high- quality education. The postgraduate course at the University of Nicosia Medical School offers high-quality education for people who are going to take on the challenging work involved in primary care family medicine.**



SIR DAVID HASLAM

Professor of General Practice  
Chair of UK National Institute  
For Health and Care Excellence



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TESTIMONIALS



**ROYALTY  
CHIHAVA**

### ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IAESTE INTERNSHIP IN UAE, SUMMER 2019

As a student, I was constantly seeking an internship to help me transition from university to industrial life. My search for an internship was not easy in my field of study until I discovered IAESTE. It was like finding buried treasure in the sand. This is because when you apply for an IAESTE internship you do not have to stress, the reason being that most of the work is done for you. All you need to do is send the necessary documents and wait as the IAESTE recruitment team work on your case. Although IAESTE requires a 100-euro application fee which is refundable if you do not get the internship you applied for, after you get your paid internship and they process your visa documents for you the amount becomes insignificant. As if this is not enough to get you applying for an IAESTE internship, during my IAESTE internship in the UAE, IAESTE arranged the successful candidates' accommodation, airport pickup and transport to and from work. This made it easy for us to focus on our internship. Lastly, let me say that a good university like UNIC and good grades will get you to the door of your desired company, but a good internship will certainly take you inside it. Therefore, for all those who are seeking work experience, an internship in general and specifically an IAESTE internship is the right one for you because not only will they help you get an internship, but you will also be part of their big family.



**ANNA  
RANGELOVA**

### DIRECTOR CLIENT SERVICE, NIELSEN CONSUMER NEUROSCIENCE NIELSEN, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT, CLASS OF 2008 MASTER IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA), CLASS OF 2010

UNIC provided me with far more than just education. The University does not only teach you hard skills and the inside- outs of a domain. More impressive is how much attention they pay to developing soft skills, in order for you to grow as both a professional and a well-rounded individual... in other words, the skills needed to keep that job, turn it into a career and a splendid lifestyle. UNIC's contribution to my career and new style of life do not end with my professional and personal development. The Careers Office at UNIC assisted me in finding and molding me for my first job at Nielsen almost a decade ago. From a fresh graduate with an entry-level position, today, I lead Global Consumer Research for Multi-billion Dollar Brands while working with C-level executives and representatives of The Fortune 100 Most Powerful Women.



**MAHAN  
FATHI**

### COMPUTER SCIENCE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IAESTE INTERNSHIP IN GERMANY, SUMMER 2019

My name is Mahan. I am a Computer Science student living in Cyprus. In early 2019, I was introduced to IAESTE by my university. After reading about IAESTE, I was very interested to apply and hopefully get the opportunity to take an internship abroad. After some time, I was contacted by a software company from Munich, Germany, for an interview! In July 2019, I travelled to Munich to start my 3-month internship. Everything was so new but I did not really struggle to adjust. I had help from many people who work with IAESTE in Munich, who helped me with getting started with public transport, accommodation and countless other things that I was clueless about. During my internship, I was responsible for creating a new security software for the company, which was a very interesting topic for me. I got to learn many things, some of which has already helped me progress further in my career. By the end of my internship, I was offered to continue working with the company remotely from Cyprus, which I accepted. Overall, my experience through this internship was unforgettable; I met many people, travelled to many places and got to learn so much in such a short time! Through taking a summer internship for just 3 months, I got to gain practical work experience, which I am sure will be a significant improvement to my CV. I also got to develop many non-technical skills such as working efficiently in a team, which will definitely be beneficial in the future. I cannot express how much I recommend all students to take an internship, no matter what they study!



**NAZLI  
UZUNBOYLU**

### PHD CANDIDATE SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING MBA MARKETING, CLASS OF 2017

From my very first day it has been a unique and an interesting experience of being part of UNIC family. Being among students from a variety of fields with unique blend of personalities and nationalities inspired and allowed me to expand my knowledge whilst making great friendships with like-minded people. In addition, the friendly campus environment, excellent teaching facilities and the constant support from professors has helped me on this eye-opening journey whilst at UNIC. The MBA programme in Marketing has given me the extra boost I needed in my career and been a stepping stone in my further academic study as I am a currently full time PhD candidate studying Social Media Marketing and engaged in part time research and as a teaching assistant. With this programme I had the opportunity to be part of an incredible academic environment surrounded by a motivating learning atmosphere.



**BRYANT  
JOSEPH GILOT**

ND CM DPHIL MSC, INSTITUTE FOR TRANSLATION, BIOINFORMATICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TUEBINGEN, CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, BLOCKCHAIN HEALTH, CO.  
**DL MSC - DIGITAL CURRENCY, CLASS OF 2016**

UNIC is to be congratulated for being so forward thinking. The Masters in Digital Currencies had an enormous impact on my transitioning into bioinformatics and personalized medicine. The curriculum touched on the preservation of digital privacy, digital autonomy and the concept of personal data as a digital asset. I was prepared to join the Institute for Translation Bioinformatics at the University of Tuebingen & Blockchain Health, Co. in San Francisco as Chief Medical Officer. UNIC's foresight to embrace a new and innovative field by establishing a MSc Degree requires courage. I am nostalgic about my course of study and am grateful for the opportunity that I had.



**UTEBOR  
CHUKWUKA**

MBA INTERNATIONAL STUDENT, UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA  
**ERASMUS TRAINEESHIP, AT SAP HELLAS AG, ATHENS, GREECE, CLASS OF 2015**

It was a rare privilege for me to participate in the Erasmus+ Internship programme at SAP Hellas AG in Athens, Greece. My experience at SAP as an Erasmus intern allowed me to experience in practice the incredible power of choice, focus, diligence and resilience. During my internship period, I had an opportunity to be trained in and to become a certified SAP ERP Financial Accounting consultant.

This training costs approximately €3,000 but, being an Erasmus intern, I was able to pursue it for free. Also, my abilities were tested in several ways at SAP and I had the opportunity to prove the high quality of education I received at the University of Nicosia by scoring a total of 98 out of 100 at the SAP ERP FI certification examination.

To all staff at the Erasmus Office, I want to say thank you for helping us students. To all prospective Erasmus students, I say go for it, you will be glad you did.



**MILENA  
DOMANOVA**

DIRECTOR AT DELOITTE BELGIUM  
**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, CLASS OF 2008**  
**MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA), CLASS OF 2012**

Spending my student years in Cyprus and at UNIC was an important landmark in both my personal and professional development. The international environment and the opportunity to combine first-class studies and training with practical knowledge was a great approach and an extraordinary experience, which fully prepared me both for the hurdles one faces as an adult and the challenges in the globalised business world we now live in.



**DIANA  
YURYEVA**

SENIOR SOFTWARE ENGINEER, MEDALLIA INC.  
**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, CLASS OF 2009**

I am grateful to UNIC for the jumpstart in my career. I have fond memories of my undergraduate studies, and of the very cosy, friendly atmosphere on campus. From my first days, I never felt like just a number. Our professors were always accessible and willing to give detailed feedback.

I must add that the staff is highly qualified as well – even freshman courses are taught by professors holding qualifications from the best universities around the world. UNIC is also well-equipped, boasting new buildings with airy classrooms, amphitheatres, as well as a vast library. These were really the best amenities I've ever encountered.

The support exceeded all my expectations. I received mentoring from faculty members with respect to graduate school admissions. So many people went above and beyond and were true mentors, helping out at every stage. I would not even have dared to apply to a top school like Carnegie Mellon if it was not for the encouragement from my professors!

After graduating from UNIC, I continued my education in the USA. I had to say goodbye to Cyprus, but I always feel thankful for my alma mater. As it turned out, I was well prepared for my graduate studies. UNIC follows an American model of education, with the majority of time spent on individual preparation. That's how I learnt how to deal with priorities and schedule work.

Moreover, the University's system of electives permitted me to take additional coursework in Computer Science as part of my degree. It was so valuable being able to tailor my studies to my interests. I feel that I was able to get a solid foundation in Business and Computer Science from my undergraduate studies. At Carnegie Mellon University, I was exempted from a number of subjects, including Java and Databases, with knowledge obtained through my UNIC coursework.


Having worked at Oracle America Inc. for over five years, I contributed to the development of Oracle Communications' Elastic Charging Engine, a product that has been praised for its elastic scalability, rapid deployment and engineered efficiency.

Last year, I decided to join Medallia as a Senior Software Engineer. From my new position, I am involved in developing a range of software products that support the customer experience. As we say at Medallia, this can only be achieved by systematically engaging everyone, which is something that directly ties to my student experience at UNIC.



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