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2018 Intern at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Portugal



RIC student, Sabrina Brum at the 2018 PALCUS Gala, with H.E. the Ambassador of Portugal to the U.S. Domingos Fezas Vital. (photo by Henrique Mano, Luso-Americano)

I was awarded various scholarships: the Study in Portugal Network scholarship, the Rhode Island Foreign Language Association (RIFLA) Study Abroad scholarship, the Lema-Fernandes Study Abroad scholarship of the Institute for Portuguese and Lusophone World Studies at Rhode Island College, and last but not least, a generous PALCUS-FLAD Internship Award of \$3,550. I am very grateful for the

*During the summer of 2018 I had an overwhelmingly incredible experience! I interned in Lisbon through Study in Portugal Network (SiPN) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MNE) in Lisbon, and **transferred 6 credits to my plan of study at Rhode Island College.***

I interned at the Jaques Delors Center for European Information (CIEJD), which is a department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that focuses primarily on providing the Portuguese public with information, in Portuguese, about the European Union.

At the CIEJD I often worked on press releases, the most important one being the press release for the incoming Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union. I also attended various meetings with diplomats, including a meeting between the Irish Minister of State for European Affairs and Portugal's Secretary of State for European Affairs, and another between the Prime Minister António Costa of Portugal and President Macron of France. At these meetings I was able to interact with diplomats, ask questions and discuss with others outside my department.

My internship lasted two months, June and July, and by living in Lisbon for the summer I was able to completely immerse myself in the Portuguese culture and way of life. I am of Azorean descent and have always felt a very close connection to my Portuguese heritage, but living and working in the country was a completely different experience which allowed me to appreciate my culture even more.

*Interning abroad for a foreign governmental agency provided me with an eye-opening insight into the future I hope to have one day. **I plan to continue my studies and pursue a Master's degree in International Relations** to eventually work in the field of diplomacy. The internship experience at the MNE gave me a real world understanding of the field. It was the most amazing journey, albeit a challenging one, whereby I gained an incredible amount of knowledge and experience.*

financial support that made this important international internship - and the best summer yet - possible! Muito obrigada!

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