International Internship in Alicante, Spain (May 18 – June 30, 2010)

Your summer in Alicante, Spain offers you the possibility to combine a five and a half week (approximate duration), unpaid internship with the four-week Spain Summer Program. All students are eligible for this internship opportunity, who satisfy the Spanish language requirement (see the following sections for more clarification). The unpaid internship would begin in May after finals week and finish on June 30, just as the regular four-week summer program begins and the MU students arrive in Alicante on Thursday, July 1 (departure is Saturday, July 31). Earn 3 internship cr hrs (optional) and 6 cr hrs (required hours in the summer program) from these summer opportunities--(9 hours total).

Internship Program: This program targets business students with a high intermediate or advanced level of Spanish (minimum of four semesters of college Spanish) or other students who have high levels of Spanish, such as native or heritage speakers, or students with Spanish language experience (living in other country, etc.). It is designed to provide students an unpaid internship opportunity in Alicante, Spain. The program consists of the first week of intensive Spanish language (depending on your level of proficiency arriving in Alicante) to become familiar with the variety of Spanish spoken in the Alicante area before beginning the internship. Also, we will attempt to get you started for four to six hours in the company to help you get acquainted with the company and realize the kind of Spanish you will be dealing with during your internship. After the first week, you will then begin your full-time placement for four weeks in your internship at a local business or institution. You can plan on speaking Spanish and interacting with Spanish people all day long in your internship job. Your placement would be decided based on your area of interest, prior work or volunteer experience, and level of Spanish proficiency. If you would decide to “forget English” for five weeks (for example, socialize only with Spanish people at work and in the evenings with new Spanish friends, going out with them to their favorite places, etc.), you could realistically develop a very good fluency in the Spanish language by the time you finish your internship.

The exact nature of the internship will be clarified by April 15, 2010. You will most likely be working at some kind of responsibilities assisting with marketing and/or management situations. Every effort will be made to provide you with a job opportunity in which you would be able to experience business transactions (in oral and written Spanish) and working on some kind of business problem and/or project assignment. Your internship will be unpaid. Nine credit hours would be possible with this combination of internship (3 cr hrs optional) and the summer business program (6 cr hrs required). You will be responsible for all costs such as travel, lodging, food, and any required visas (this will be clarified during the spring semester). The TCOB study abroad program office will work with you and assist you in getting ready for the internship experience.

Selection Process: All students from any major are eligible and may apply for this Spanish internship (assuming the minimum language requirement). You will be selected based on having completed a minimum of four semesters of college Spanish (at the completion of the spring semester before departure) and submitting a resume, application essay, and interviewing with a selection committee. The purpose of the application and interview is to allow the study abroad program to know the students who would be participating in this summer internship opportunity in Alicante. More details about this selection process will be explained after the beginning of the pre-departure class in the spring semester (week of February 8). The deadline for applying for the Alicante internship will be Friday, March 19 as the Spanish partner needs 60 days to locate and finalize the internship details and arrangements. Also, you can speak with Chuck at anytime to ask questions and clarify details and your internship participation.

Internship Experience on your Resume: This internship in a Spanish company will provide you with a wonderful, meaningful, and exceptional experience to note on your resume. You would have many stories and examples that you could relay and explain to a job recruiter about your new
competencies (the following are only possible examples: your actual experiences will depend upon the actual company you will work for):

- Working in a new and diverse culture,
- Using the Spanish language 8 – 10 hours each day (and developing a real fluency),
- Dealing with uncertainties in that culture,
- Increasing your ability to plan and organize tasks and events,
- Solving problems for customers and suppliers,
- Conducting research with people, on the internet, and other database sources, and
- Possibly making professional group presentations in a real company setting.

Job interviews are increasingly emphasizing behavioral situations and how you would or have dealt with job-related scenarios. The Trulaske College of Business is attempting to prepare you as much as possible to be successful with this new job interview approach. International internship experience can help you take that next step in preparing you for a more successful job interview, to stand out much differently from other students who have not worked in an international setting. You will be able to hold that recruiter spell-bound as you explain your responsibilities, your work activities, your problem solving, and especially the results that you will have achieved in your internship setting—especially in this new culture and in your dealings with international and cultural uncertainty. The Spanish company will benefit by having a useful and productive person helping out and you win by gaining more experience in dealing with new international business situations, transactions, and problem-solving. In addition, your international internship can offer you many new and different kinds of behavioral situations in a new and different culture. You will be able to explain and relate to the recruiter how you have learned about different social and business customs, based on your interactions with Spanish people in different business roles and responsibilities, all within your internship setting. International internships have the potential to offer you unusual and outstanding opportunities to have real job-related experiences to explain during your interviews, rather than responding to the recruiters’ hypothetical situations in which you have no experience.

Booking Your Flight Itinerary: You would want to book your flight as departing in May sometime to arrive in Alicante to start your internship and returning back to the States when you have finished the program after July 31. Possibly you may want to stay longer and do some traveling in August and then return back to the States.

Lodging and Food Costs: You would have two choices for lodging in Alicante. You could choose to stay with a Spanish family or in apartments shared with other students. Your work location will be accessible by Public transportation to travel to and from the internship site. The budget table below shows the estimated lodging and food cost breakdown. Both alternatives are similar in cost. The home stay includes three meals per day and laundry facilities (no extra cost). The greatest advantage of a home stay is the opportunity to speak Spanish day and night, thus developing that fluency that you so badly want to achieve. (Can’t get it by hanging out with English speaking friends.)
shared apartment does not include any food cost and assumes that you would be cooking in at a cost per day shown in the table. The length of stay is estimated at 38 days. The food cost for staying in the shared apartment would vary depending upon how much you wanted to cook and eat in comparison to eating out in restaurants all the time. You will want to plan $500 - $1,000 for extra costs (these would be highly variable), such as phone, laundry, local transportation, weekend travel, socializing, etc. For example, a phone would be 40-50 Euros plus the SIM card for 30 Euros. Laundry would be about 7-10 Euros per week, and transportation would be 40 Euros for a one-month bus pass. These costs are estimates and also, subject to fluctuating exchange rates. We will make more information available to you during March in the spring semester, about lodging and getting around Alicante. These costs are estimates and also, subject to fluctuating exchange rates.

Estimated Alicante, Spain Internship Budget
The following costs are only estimates (except the program fee) and will depend on your particular situation, wants, and needs.

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<th>Home Stay</th>
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<td><strong>Program Fee:</strong> Includes MU Admin fee, facilitator in Spain to find companies, airport transport, language instruction, health/safety/general assistance and support in Alicante.</td>
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<td>Lodging</td>
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- The program fee will be an additional charge that will be applied to your student account. This fee covers the cost that the TCOB study abroad program incurs to set up and manage the internship for you in Dublin.
- You may want to plan an additional $500 to $1,000 for travel, socializing, and unexpected opportunities during your internship.
- The lodging is assuming that you would be staying at the Bergamo Youth Hostel.
- Plan for the additional MU tuition cost if you sign up for three hours of internship credit.
- The actual exchange rate will vary and may be more or less than shown in this example.