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DUBLIN CHALLENGING PLACEMENTS · JULY 2018

The goal of this document is to provide an understanding of why certain types of placements are not available and what other related fields could meet the needs of student traditionally interested in a challenging placement.

Industry/field with limited to no placements	Alternate or related options
Architecture and Interior Design: Very limited placements available due to collapse of construction industry.	Graphic design (also limited and requires a very strong portfolio) and limited art galleries.
Embassy work: No placements available due to security clearance issues for non-Irish nationals.	Politics: Very rare opportunities to work with politicians or political parties.
Engineering: Very limited placements available due to collapse of construction industry. Primarily not based in the city or commutable distances.	Occasionally opportunities in the more business side of this area but very rare.
Environment / Sustainability: Limited placements available. Not a big sector in Dublin and tends not to be very corporate.	Environmental NGO: Research position, hands-on tramping through coastal areas and research may be a possibility. Very limited. Consulting: Mainly number crunching, aimed at finding savings in energy spending. Again, very limited. University based research projects. Very limited.
Fashion Houses: Limited placements available, very few designers or related publications in Dublin.	Retail merchandising: Limited and unlikely to involve a sustained period of visual merchandising or exposure to buyers.
Film/TV: Very limited placements available. Only two national TV broadcasters in total. RTE is not accepting interns of any kind at this time for industrial relations reasons. TV3 might occasionally take an intern (rare occasions) but the location is very difficult to access from any EUSA housing. Broadcast TV experience MAY be possible but maximum of one student at a time. IMPORTANT: any of the TV or film options will likely require a LOT of flexibility from the student on hours (EG working on a morning or late night show).	Arts: Theatre can be an option for students with an interest in areas such as scripts but limited by scale of sector and production dates. Journalism: Limited options, often online only. Small film production companies exist & may offer students pre/post-production experience not hands-on 'film-making. Casting and agent work is sometimes possible. Depending on timing, film festivals (admin, marketing, PR) might be possible. Smaller radio stations may offer placements occasionally.



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Finance & Accounting: Limited placements available. Smaller firms offer accounting internships, but international brands have their own internship processes.	Accounting in a business, hospital, or hotel. General business, marketing.
Guinness: No placements available, they don't take interns.	Food and Beverage in hotels, restaurants. Smaller micro-breweries or distillers might be an option.
International Security/Affairs: A very limited area due to small number of think tanks or politicians that work in this area.	International NGO: Limited. Non-profit.
IT/Computer Science/Cybersecurity: Limited placements available. Opportunities are confined to students who have genuine and demonstrable skills such as coding etc, and students can expect this to be interrogated at interview stage.	IT customer service and support but this isn't always what students want.
Pharmaceuticals: No placements available. Not located in Dublin area generally.	Placement in a dispensing pharmacy might be possible but would be rare.
Law Enforcement: No placements available. Security clearance issues for non-Irish nationals.	Legal office or Legal advice centres. Occasionally NGO dealing with ex-offenders or victims but this is rare.
Psychology and Healthcare: Limited placements available. Background check needed along with Irish Garda vetting, limited or no patient contact. Students must be prepared for heavy administration/research workload.	Charity / NGO: dealing with mental health awareness. Research facility: apart from lab work, some university research options exist. Occasionally options working with children or young people with special educational needs.
Radio: Limited placements available. Limited number of radio stations.	Art or music magazine.
Science: Very limited placements available. research facilities tend to be located in areas that are not accessible (outer Dublin or further afield); university research positions tend to be filled from within their own student populations.	NGO sector: Likely to lean more towards health and social care and unlikely to have any pure science aspects. Note: Where we can find science lab placements it's usually in universities or in facilities that involve a significant commute.



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<p>Sports: Very limited placements available due to the few professional sports in Ireland.</p>	<p>Placements with national sports bodies are on a very small scale. Unlikely to get management experience, more likely some marketing and admin. Generally unstructured and will be of a different order to what students may have experienced at home.</p>
<p>Supply Chain Management: Limited placements available. Virtually no manufacturing in Ireland; some companies that do this insist on a minimum of 3 months.</p>	<p>Business Marketing & Sales.</p>
<p>Therapy: Limited placements available. Healthcare system in Ireland is largely publicly run; all hospitals in Dublin have relationships with local universities for their interns; regulations do not permit unqualified interns to have patient contact. Students will be doing large amounts of admin and support work.</p>	<p>NGO and non-profit sector: Often more likely to allow client-facing placements but will usually be run on a more ad-hoc, less structured basis – students need to be prepared for this</p>