

As a junior at The University of Alabama in the Risk Management and Insurance specialization, I was selected to be an IRU summer intern by the Intermediaries & Reinsurance Underwriters Association. The IRU intern program provides an opportunity for college juniors and seniors to learn about the reinsurance industry and gain practical experience in its operation. It also provides the intern an opportunity to evaluate reinsurance as a potential career.

The IRU placed me with Transatlantic Reinsurance Company (TRC) in New York, NY. The IRU sponsored my transportation and housing and I was also supplemented with an hourly wage. The accommodations that the IRU provided for me made my transition to living in New York for 8 weeks an amazing experience. I was housed in the heart of the Financial District only minutes away from Wall Street and only a subway ride away from being able to experience everything that New York City had to offer.

More importantly, the experience and work that I did during my time with TRC was interesting and exciting. From day one, I was exposed to all the unique nuances that the reinsurance industry has to offer. During my internship, I was able to sit in on client meetings, attend professional development training sessions, and work on relevant projects with senior reinsurance underwriters. From having lunch with CEO's to touring the New York Stock Exchange, I constantly had valuable and unique experiences.

The 8 week internship experience flew by, but was well worth my time. Valuable information was learned that isn't offered in the classroom. I got a great taste of the future and the world outside of school. From my experience, I developed as a professional and made countless connections in an amazing, unique industry that most people are unaware of. This truly was a valuable learning experience that I would recommend to anyone interested in insurance.