



# Bucknell in Dublin

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### 2024 Summer Abroad Program

#### Dublin, Ireland

## Coursework

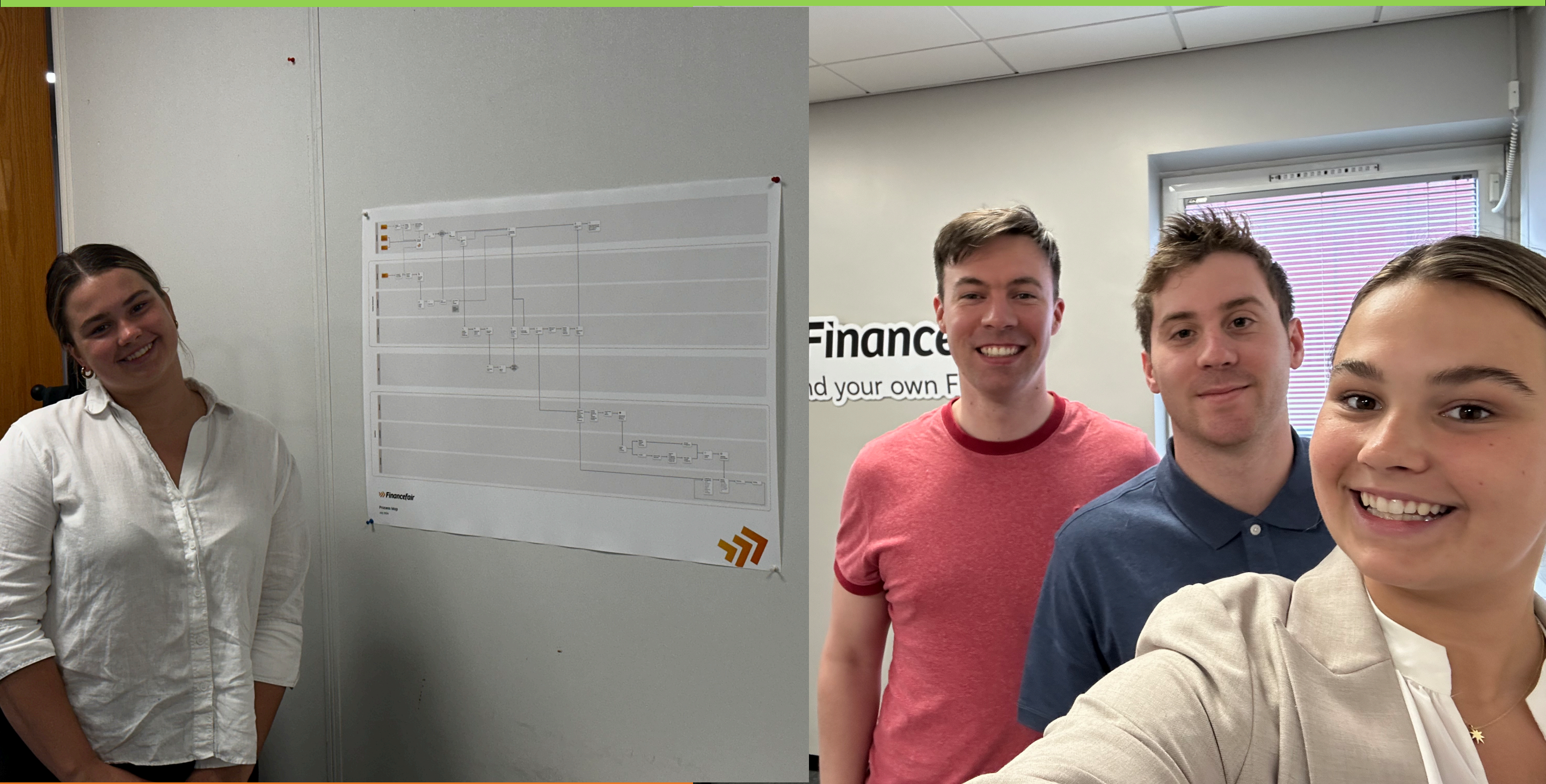


**General** - Throughout the 8-week program in Dublin Ireland, students take courses taught by Bucknell professors filling two academic credits. The courses for the 2024 summer included one management related course and one analytics related course; Management: Global/Society/Culture and Guinness in Globalization. Both courses gave insight on the Irish Culture alongside connecting our experiences to the classroom. Specifically, applying general knowledge of operations to the way things are run and made in Ireland has been beneficial in analyzing our experience academically.

**MGMT: Global/ Society/Culture** – This course, taught by Dean Kepner, gives insight into cross-cultural intelligence and global management. This is done through weekly explorations around Ireland, reflections on our experiences, and career preparation through LinkedIn. The coursework allows you to enjoy your experiences in Dublin alongside reflecting on these experiences in depth.

**ANOP: Guinness in Globalization** – This course, taught by Joe Wilck, applies operations to the history of Dublin. In this class you learn about the history of Dublin and the operations behind the history. The coursework includes weekly classes lead by the Bucknell professor, alongside write-ups that allow you to document the historical knowledge you have gained. Your knowledge is gained through many museum visits and discussion in class about operations.

## Internship



**General** - In Dublin, students gain professional experience through interning at a firm in Dublin organized through Connect-123. Connect-123 meets with each student to ensure they receive an internship related to their interests and studies. The organization does a great job matching students to their internships, allowing each student to gain knowledge within their preferred industry. My internship was at FinanceFair as I wanted an internship related to the Financial Industry.

**FinanceFair** – FinanceFair is a financial provider for businesses that provides “freedom to fund your own future by converting invoices and future revenues into upfront growth capital, allowing you to manage your cashflow more efficiently and grow even faster.”

**Impact** – Throughout my time at FinanceFair, I worked closely with my advisor who is the product manager for the company. I focused specifically on creating a process map for the firm using Lucidchart. When completing this work, I met with each department frequently to understand each aspect of the process, alongside creating the physical map. This project was a great experience for me as my advisor gave me full control of the project, forcing me to be extremely hands on. My work included leading meetings, communicating with all aspects of the company, building relationships, and gaining experience within operational activities.

## Cultural Events

In Dublin, my fellow peers and I had the opportunity to fully immerse ourselves within the Irish Culture. One thing that all of the people within the program had in common was our curiosity as to how the Irish culture differed from other cultures around the world. We were able to explore this curiosity through exploring the landscapes of the country, socializing with Irish citizens, working at an Irish firm, trying different foods, and so much more. This was a great opportunity to understand a different part of the world and learn how to engage with different cultures. One main takeaway was the work-life balance in Ireland. The people tend to focus a lot on balance in order to establish a healthy, comfortable environment. Another thing that struck me was how sociable the city is. It is extremely common to hang out of the pubs all around the city, meeting different people and or hanging out with your friends. One great memory I had was when the company I interned at hosted a 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ with drinks for my fellow American intern and I. This was something I truly appreciated as I felt recognized for my nationality by the company and felt a strong sense of community. The community aspect is huge in Ireland, which was emphasized frequently throughout or experiences in Dublin. Diving into the Irish culture, allowed me to gain knowledge on Ireland and understand the values of the Irish.

## Community

When joining the program, students tend to feel a bunch of nerves as you are about to spend two months away from home, in a foreign country, with students that you may not have known beforehand. Coming into the trip, I knew of a few people but no one on a super close level. Little did I know was the family I would find through this trip. Today I can say that the people I spent this summer with, are people I will be connected with for life. The strong sense of community this program brings is something so special and truly emphasizes the beauty of Bucknell. Everyone on this trip is so different in terms of studies, background, and personalities. What made this so special was the ability and willingness everyone had to appreciate our differences. The ability for everyone to accept one's differences made the environment so comfortable, allowing me to be myself. I felt the need to include this in this poster as such a large part of why I had such an amazing experience was because of the lifelong friends I was able to share this abroad experience with. Bucknell continues to prove the strong sense of community that makes this university such a special place. I am so grateful to have been able to spend my summer doing the Bucknell in Dublin program and I advice anyone that had the opportunity to participate to just do it. I know it might feel out of one's comfort zone but once you face that fear, you will no doubt have one of the best summers of your life. Thank you Bucknell for giving me the best summer and abroad experience one could ask for.

