



Claudia OGREZEANU

Romania, Class of 2016

was the first Kronospan Scholar to graduate from Babson College in 2016.



Her life changed the moment she was accepted. Before she found out about this opportunity, she wanted to pursue a degree in Statistics in her home country, Romania. We cannot help but wonder where she would be now if the Kronospan Scholarship did not exist or if she had not chosen to take advantage of all the opportunities offered by Babson College and Kronospan. She currently works at Microsoft in Brussels and her experience at Babson College, the internships in numerous countries and the skills she learned made her suitable for any position in Business. The scholarship the Kronospan Foundation offers granted her access to a top-flight education in the Business Field while encouraging her to connect with people from all over the world because, as she says herself, “the Babson community is very global, with more than 33% of students being from abroad”.

Claudia was aware of the differences between Babson College’s high level of education and the educational system in her own country. “The resources we had access to as Babson students are countless, ranging from a Career Development Center to a Math Resource Center to Academic Planning”. The structure of the Babson’s curriculum was created with regard to the academic information and the hands-on learning, in order to train the future leaders and entrepreneurs, who could make a change. “The experience was like a rollercoaster for me because no two days were alike and there was always something I could learn from. I also did a semester away in San Francisco and a few courses abroad in Peru and Malaysia, fact that really helped me broaden my horizons in terms of career culture and the spectrum of jobs I could be good at”, Claudia said.

The internships offered by Babson College and Kronospan in different countries not only offered the opportunity to gain academic and professional experience, they also contributed to enriching and fulfilling her personal life.

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Claudia mentions that her internships abroad in San Francisco, Singapore and Peru allowed her to explore numerous career options and learn from experts.

“I learnt something new from every professor I had, because of the broad spectrum of experiences they had, many of them being still involved in their respective industries and providing us with studies directly from a work environment”.

The internships at Kronospan’s headquarters in different countries helped Claudia to get valuable insight into the workflow of an international company and understand the responsibilities of every position. These experiences made her gain international experience, new skills and the chance to network with professionals working in various parts of the world.

Claudia, the first graduate of Babson College to receive the Kronospan Foundation’s scholarship, is open to new perspectives and wants to keep learning something new every day. The Kronospan Foundation carries on these initiatives in all the projects designed to generate a change in the society by embracing new ideas with enthusiasm and generosity and learning how to be better and do better.

