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Daniela Dos Santos Quaresma is a student in the Master in International Security with concentrations in Global Risks and Middle Eastern Studies. She recently came back from working as a Junior Fellow at the United Nations University in Tokyo, Japan.

How did you secure this role?

After my first year of Masters in International Security, I realized that I wanted to experience challenges outside of the classroom, step out of my comfort zone and gain precious skills that could be attractive for recruiters. During my gap year, I interned as a digital project manager and as a communications consultant in the private sector - but I didn't want to stray too far away from the international affairs world!

I found about the Junior Fellow Internship Programme at the Office of the Rector of the United Nations University through the Sciences Po Carrières portal, and thought this was an excellent opportunity to put these freshly-acquired skills to the service of an international organization such as the United Nations.

WHAT WAS YOUR ROLE AND MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES?

I was one of the two Junior Fellows for the fall semester (from September to December) and my role consisted on supporting the Office of the Rector with various administrative and communication tasks, as well as event organization duties. The most fascinating part of this role was the level of confidence that was given to us : we were tasked with researching new solutions to help UNU improve its fundraising and endowment efforts, and I can't imagine another big international organization trusting its fellow interns with such a big responsibility!

What was the most fascinating or surprising aspect at your role?

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What advice would you give to others?

The academic rigor in both written and oral communication that is expected from us at Sciences Po is definitely something that makes us stand out in professional settings, but don't be afraid to bring other aspects of your personality and skills into your work! Your creativity, your energy and your unique way of viewing issues are keys to excelling in a professional setting.

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