

### **Information Session**

Glavin Office of International Education



## Agenda

- Introductions
- International Consulting Program Overview
- Past Program Student Participants
- Application/Interview/Placement Process



# Virtual International Consulting Experience FACULTY TEAM



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# VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

# Earn academic credit through consulting for an international client company/startup

Undergraduate • 4-credit Advanced Elective Graduate • 3-credit Advanced Elective

Spring Semester 2021 • European Client Companies



#### Sample Project Scopes

- Developing a competitive analysis and marketing plan
- Building an internationalization plan
- Creating a business plan
- Developing a pitch book
- Advancing social media and web presence.



<u>Undergraduate PRE-REQUISITE:</u> Completion of ASM3300 <u>OR</u> currently enrolled in ASM3300 during the fall semester <u>OR</u> will be concurrently enrolled in ASM3300 during the spring semester.

- Takes the consulting experience global.
- Provides student teams the opportunity to work on project assignments with European companies/startup.
- The program includes:
  - Pre-academic sessions during the week of January 19 and 25th, 2021 will focus on consulting methodology and intercultural competencies.
  - Initial client meeting will take place during the week of January 25, 2021.
  - Project work will be completed over the spring semester concluding with the team presenting their solution to their client company in a written report and an oral presentation.



### **Objectives:**

- Work with a team in a semester-long consulting project to address real challenge or opportunities for Women Owned entrepreneurial businesses and venture capital portfolio businesses (in Portugal or Bulgaria).
- Learn how macro-economic, social and political trends trends affect the strategies businesses implement in Europe.

#### **Benefits**

- Improve cross-cultural communication skills.
- Establish international business relationships.
- Sharpen your observational, analytical, and evaluative skills.
- Great resume builder!



**Summary:** Class discussions and assignments focusing on consulting methodology and putting in practice abroad, as well as, country's background and social, political, environmental, economic, cultural and historical context.

# High level of interaction with team, client and faculty:

- Independent team project work throughout spring semester.
- Regular virtual meetings with faculty.
- Regular virtual meetings with company contact.



#### **Basic Agenda:**

- Introduction to country
- Instruction on creating scope of work and timeline
- Client Interviews
- Development of Engagement Contract & Project Timeline with client
- Research
- Mid-progress report meeting with faculty and client
- Formation of solution.
- Final presentation of solution to Client



#### **Important Dates**

Academic Sessions & Initial Client

Meetings

(Week of January 19 & 25, 2021)

Session #1

Date: Monday, January 18, 2021

Time: 6:30PM ET

**Background on projects/Speakers/Cultural Activity** 

Session #2

Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Time: 6:30PM ET

**Consulting Process/Speakers/Cultural Activity** 

Project Work (February 1 - April 9, 2021) Session #3

Time/Date: TBD

**Speakers/Cultural Activity** 



### **Past Consultants**

#### IVY (KAIQI) ZHANG Undergraduate Class of '21



NEAL JEUP Undergraduate Class of '21



Joining Us Tonight



SARAH STEFANON MBA Class of '21





Application Process

Important Dates & Deadlines

Q&A





## **BEFORE YOU APPLY**

### Brochure Page

- Review details on brochure page
- Ensure course fits into your academic plan

#### **Dates**

- Check your calendar
- Discuss travel dates with all 'shareholders'



#### **International Consulting Experience**

In this year's virtual International Consulting Experience, you will gain real-world experience consulting with an international company on a business issue under the guidance of a Babson faculty member.

You and your consulting team will learn from in-country experts about the local culture, economy, and business trends and explore the often overlooked aspects of doing business in a different environment. In this action packed semester course, your team will regularly connect with your client, conduct primary and secondary research, and ultimately deliver a client presentation with your team's findings and recommendations.

#### Course Offered: Spring 2021



#### Why International Consulting?

Babson's International Consulting Experience will provide you with some incredible benefits including:

- · Earning academic credit through consulting for an international company sponsor
- · Undergraduate 4 Advanced Elective credits
- Graduate 3 Elective credits
- Learning how macro-economic, social, and political trends affect the business strategies in the destination country
- · Improving your cross-cultural communication skills
- Utilizing appropriate attitudes and knowledge about the host country and culture to develop real and applicable solutions
- Sharpening your observational, analytical, and evaluative skills
- Enhancing your résumé and interviewing with an experience that will differentiate you from other candidates
- · Developing an international network

#### SAMPLE PROJECT SCOPES



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# Program Description: Home Dates Academics Finances Contact Testimonials

#### MFE7500 International Consulting Experience (Virtual Program)



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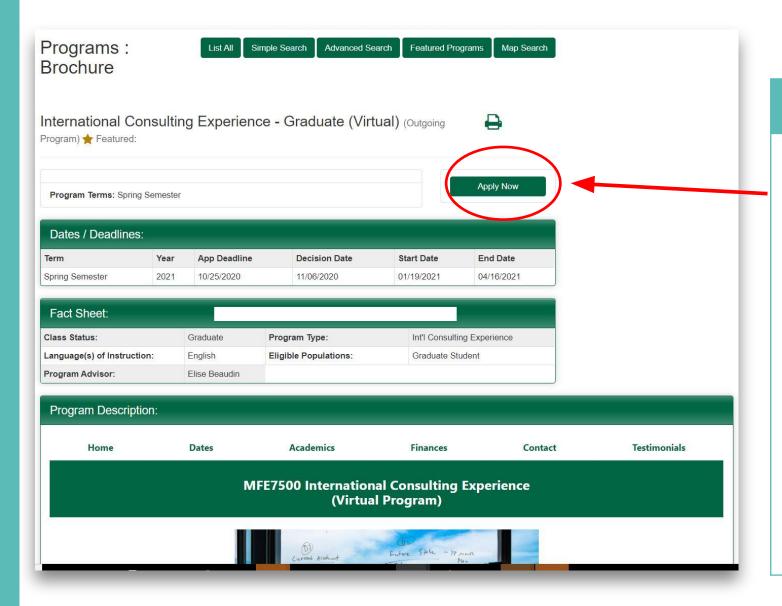
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### **Applying**

- Apply as an individual teams will be determine after the interviews.
- Once your application is submitted you will receive a confirmation email with the next steps.
- Virtual interviews are required and will take place November 2-6,
   2020 .



# International Consulting Experience IMPORTANT DATES

Application Opens (12:00 PM ET)	Monday, October 12, 2020	
<b>Application Closes (11:59 PM ET)</b>	Sunday, October 25, 2020	
Interview Selection Emails	Tuesday, October 27, 2020	
	Monday, November 2, 2020; 1-5PM & 6-8PM	
	Tuesday, November 3, 2020; 1PM-5PM & 6-8PM	
Interviews	Wednesday, November 4, 2020; 12-5PM	
	Thursday, November 5, 2020; 9AM-12PM & 1-5PM	
	Friday, November 6, 2020; 10:30AM-12PM & 1-2:30PM	
Placements Sent	Friday, November 6, 2020	
Confirm Placement (in system-11:59 PM ET)	Sunday, November 8, 2020	



### **CONFIRM YOUR PLACEMENT**

**Login** to educationabroad.babson.edu

In Applications section, click link of assigned course

**Complete** the questionnaires and materials by the deadline

Questionnaires	Materials
Program Confirmation Form	<ul> <li>Confidentiality Agreement</li> <li>Insider Trading Policy and Acknowledgement</li> </ul>



### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Graduate Tuition (3 credits)	Tuition is paid directly to SFS and is billed at the 2020-2021 credit rate.
Undergraduate Tuition (4 credits)	Included in spring semester flat rate tuition charge (up to 20 credits).
Financial Aid	Contact SFS for more information.

**Tuition (SFS)** 

- Tuition is paid directly to **SFS** and is billed at the 2020-2021 credit rate.
- Undergraduate electives are 4 credits.
- Graduate electives are 3 credits.



## **ACADEMIC & LOGISTICAL QUESTIONS**

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# **QUESTIONS?**

