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Rapid7,  
Belfast Office,  
19 Chichester St,  
Belfast, BT1 4JB

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a second year IxD student, currently seeking an industrial placement, which will help me to grow experience and help me to implement the skills that my degree has shown me so far. The unique culture of Rapid7 was brought to my attention during a careers lecture. I know that this company will equip me with the invaluable experience of working alongside UX designers, getting me ready for my final year in IxD. Rapid7 will also grow my prospects, appealing to future employers.

After hearing the passionate work done within the company, I realise your values of equality and dedication resonate with me. I am ready to get my foot in the door, build my name as a UX designer. My mature manner and professional outlook on my work, means I am a perfect candidate to work in this professional environment. I want that first hand insight to professional socialisation and behaviour, whether that means taking part in your societies or learning how to communicate with clients and colleagues. The valuable work completed at Rapid7, where cyber safety is ensured through following the principles of good design and team collaborations between all workers, motivates me. This truly is a company I would love to be involved with, as I know I will get a sense of responsibility, as well as being to grow my skills in not only UX, but design as well.

My strong academic record and experience with working with the general public have all helped me to become a reliable, ambitious young lady, but now I am ready to take the leap, indulge myself in a challenge. I am willing to learn and the fast-paced industry environment at Rapid7, which will present me with new projects and goals, is perfect for me.

I am grateful for your consideration of me for the UX placement opportunity at Rapid7 in 2022/23. Hope to talk soon.

Sincerely,

Emma McGurren

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Emma Mc Gurren

Interaction Designer

**PROFILE** Avid second year Interaction design student at Belfast school of art, University of Ulster, with a particular interest in visual design and UX/UI. Currently seeking a placement opportunity which will allow me to apply my knowledge of web technologies, such as HTML and CSS and to suit my passionate work ethic and determination. I also have a range of creative hobbies, including painting, journalling and photography. I hope to continuously grow my skills set in order to broaden my opportunities within the creative industry of Interaction design.

**WORK EXPERIENCE** **Retail Shop Assistant Nisa - Trillick, Tyrone - 06/2017 - Current**

- Assisted in the opening and closing of stores, carrying out tasks such as cash counting, cleaning and visual merchandising.
- Welcomed customers in a warm and friendly manner as they entered the store.
- Created attractive displays for merchandise to enhance sales.

**Children's art class - Trillick leisure centre September - 2021 - current**

- Further developed my management and organisation skills, by directing children, helping them learn.
- Showing Patience whilst working with children aged 8-14.
- Strong communication and understanding of people.
- Confidence in my own ability.

**Bartender Spirits Store - Trillick, Tyrone 09/2019 - 12/2020**

- Served each guest with a sincere, positive, pleasant and enthusiastic attitude.
- Processed multiple transactions daily using cards, cash and voucher payment systems, applying any eligible coupons or promotions.
- Waited on multiple customers at the bar and throughout the bar area.
- Experience in a high pressure, fast-paced environment.
- Upheld high standard of cleanliness in all work areas.

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**WORK EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)** **Volunteer Loreto to Lusaka - Zambia 2017-2018**

- Displayed leadership and intuition when organising fundraising events.
- Designed logos and posters to help create a visual identity for the charity.
- Demonstrated determination, passion and proactiveness, by working to help people less fortunate than myself.
- Pushed myself out of my comfort zone, in order to grow as a person.

**Sales Assistant Harry & George Clothing Boutique - Enniskillen, Fermanagh - 05/2019 - 12/2019**

- Unboxed new merchandise and restocked shelves in appealing and organised arrangements to promote items.
- Utilised practical communications skills to maintain and build positive client relationships.
- Assisted in developing advertising and marketing strategies across social media platforms.

**SKILLS**

- Communication & written
- Project Management
- Problem solving
- Analytical acumen
- Drawing and design
- Organisation
- Wireframing
- Research & finding inspiration
- Photography and photo editing
- Business Strategy
- Familiar with Principles of design
- Understanding of design softwares eg. webflow, Figma
- UI/UX
- Produce responsive design
- Self Awareness

**EDUCATION** Bachelor of Arts: Interaction Design  
Ulster University - Belfast, BFS, 2020- current

Foundation Degree in Arts: Art and Design  
Ulster University - Belfast, BFS, 2020

A-Levels: Art and Design (A), Maths (A), Geography (A\*)  
Loreto Grammar School - Omagh, FMO, 2019

GCSEs: 9 A\*- B Grades (Including Maths and English)  
Loreto Grammar School - Omagh, FMO, 2017

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