

Hi!

I'm Robien, the internal relations of the MARUG board. I am 22 years old and am the only one of the board studying at another faculty, psychology at the faculty of behavioral and social sciences. So this is possible! The MARUG is an interfaculty study association, this means that it does not matter what you study, as long as it is at the RUG. Because of this it is a very diverse group of students with all different backgrounds, but the same interest in marketing, which I was very excited about at the time!

As internal relations, you are the association's point of contact when it comes to students. Because of this you speak to a lot of enthusiastic students and many of these students would like to do something next to their studies and that's where you as an intern are going to help! You will work with the student to see what suits him/her best. This can be one of the many committees or boards, or going on one of our trips abroad! As an intern you are also responsible for the recruitment and selection of all committees and boards. One of your main tasks is therefore to lead all applications and then place the applicant in the right position. The great thing about this whole process is that you have already had a nice conversation with everyone who applies and then take the interview. Because of this, you know the members of the association well and are also very accessible to be addressed from the student!

When I look at the growth process I have gone through from the beginning till now, I have really learned a lot. I have grown both personally and professionally. For example, I now dare much more to make my own decisions, express my opinions, my people skills have grown and I have a clear picture of my strengths, but also weaknesses. These are qualities that will also be very useful to me in the future, so I recommend to everyone to do a board year!

The best informal moment I have experienced this year is the PACjes avond, this is an evening where all active members come together and the PAC committee has made all nice poems for each committee and this was read by the one and only Sinterklaas: Bart. The moments when all the active members are together are happy moments for me. I like to see that the active members then have completely found their place at the MARUG and this started with a student who wants to do something extra but does not yet know exactly what & this conversation is with you!

In addition to socializing and fun informal events, the MARUG also organizes a variety of formal events to reduce the step to career for students. One of these events is Recruitment Days, a three-day event. We then help as a board with the organization on the days themselves. It is great fun to also be part of such a big event and see how it all goes. The formal part and the cooperation with different boards makes this event very instructive and also super fun because you work so intensively with two other boards. This makes board life very diverse and educational!

These are two highlights, but actually it is too much to mention. We are also going to Prague in a few weeks with a super enthusiastic group of students and I am currently looking back at a successful ski vacation in La Plagne. If all this appeals to you as well, I would recommend you to consider a board year! I would love to tell you all about it, so be sure to send me a message (06-37342424) and we can talk about it over coffee!