



# Oliver Hartley

JUNIOR DIPLOMAT

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## PROFILE

International Relations graduate from the University of Exeter with **2 years** of experience in policy research and cross-cultural communication. Completed a **6-month** internship at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and spent a year studying at Sciences Po Paris. Fluent in French and conversational in Spanish, with practical experience drafting policy briefings, attending multilateral meetings, and supporting diplomatic visits. Applying for the HM Diplomatic Service Fast Stream with a focus on contributing to UK foreign policy and international development.

## EDUCATION

**BA (Hons) International Relations in International Relations**  
University of Exeter, Exeter  
Sep 2021 – Jul 2025

## SKILLS

- Policy Research and Analysis
- Briefing and Report Writing
- Cross-Cultural Communication
- French (fluent, written and spoken)
- Spanish (conversational)
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Public Speaking and Presentation
- Negotiation (academic and Model UN)
- Microsoft Office Suite
- Data Organisation and Filing

## LANGUAGES

- English - Native
- French - Fluent
- Spanish - Conversational

## EXPERIENCE

**Policy Intern**, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), London *Jun 2025 – Dec 2025*  
6-month internship in the Western Europe Directorate, supporting the team responsible for UK bilateral relations with France and Benelux countries.

- Drafted **12 policy briefings** for senior officials ahead of bilateral meetings, covering trade, security, and migration issues
- Attended **4 multilateral meetings** at the OECD and Council of Europe as part of the UK delegation support team
- Translated and summarised **over 30 French-language media articles and government statements** for the daily press digest
- Supported logistics for **2 ministerial visits** to Paris, coordinating schedules with the British Embassy

**Research Assistant (Part-Time)**, University of Exeter, Department of Politics, Exeter *Jan 2024 – May 2025*  
Part-time research assistant for a professor specialising in European security policy.

- Compiled literature reviews and data summaries for **3 research papers** on EU defence cooperation and NATO burden sharing
- Maintained a database of **over 200 policy documents** and academic sources

## CERTIFICATIONS

**DEL F B2 (French Language Proficiency)**, France Education International *May 2024 – May 2024*  
**Introduction to Diplomatic Practice (online course)**, DiploFoundation *Feb 2025 – Apr 2025*

## PROJECTS

**Dissertation: UK Post-Brexit Diplomatic Influence in the Indo-Pacific** *Sep 2024 – Apr 2025*  
Assessed the extent to which the UK has established meaningful diplomatic influence in the Indo-Pacific since the 2021 Integrated Review.

- Analysed UK diplomatic activity across **8 Indo-Pacific countries** using treaty data, ministerial visit records, and trade agreements from 2021 to 2025
- Conducted **6 expert interviews** with former diplomats, academics, and think tank researchers
- Argued that UK influence remains **limited to defence and intelligence cooperation** (AUKUS, Five Eyes) and that economic engagement lags behind stated ambitions

**Model United Nations: Best Delegate, Oxford International MUN** *Nov 2023 – Nov 2023*  
Represented France on the UN Security Council at the Oxford International Model UN conference.

- Competed against **over 300 delegates** from 40 universities and won **Best Delegate** in the Security Council committee

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

**President, University of Exeter Model United Nations Society** *Sep 2024 – Jun 2025*  
Led the society with **65 active members**, organising weekly debates, training sessions, and conference delegations.

- Sent delegations to **6 national and international MUN conferences**, winning awards at 4
- Organised Exeter's first in-house MUN conference with **over 100 participants**

**Volunteer English Teacher, Solidarites Jeunesses (France)** *Jun 2023 – Aug 2023*  
Summer volunteer teaching English to young refugees at a community centre in Marseille.

- Taught **3 classes per week** to groups of **8 to 12 learners** aged 16 to 25