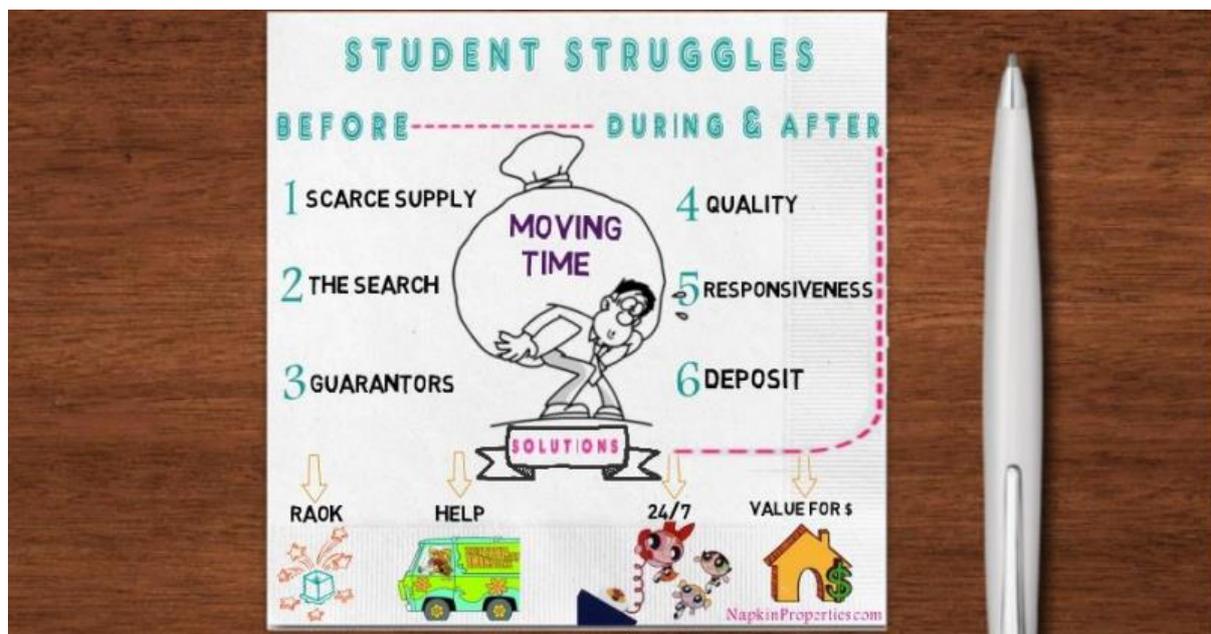Wow I can't believe a month has passed since I started my internship with Grant Property! It's crazy how time flies.. Now I know you are all dying of curiosity to find out more about my journey so I propose we go back to the beginning.

Application Process
It all started with Facebook to be completely honest since that's where I saw the position advertised. A bit unusual right? I thought the same but that was exactly what caught my attention. When I received further instructions on the application process it wasn't the usual send your CV and we will get back to your sort of thing, instead I was invited to choose the format I wanted my application to be in. The options were: an essay, a video, a project, a moodboard or a blog. Building on my previous experience I chose the video and on the 31st of March I submitted my application.

On the 24th of April (one week after the application deadline) I have been told I am through to the next stage which required me to write a blog like essay on the topic 'Challenges Facing Students in the Rental Market'. I only had three days to complete this task as the deadline was the 27th of April, luckily I like a challenge. The next day, on the 28th of April I got a call from Georgia inviting me to an interview, needless to say I was thrilled to hear the good news. During the interview, which took place on the 23rd of May, I got the chance to meet Paula, Smmi and Georgia and learn more about Grant Property and the actual internship.Finally on the 10th of June I found out that I will be joining the company as a part time intern.

We've all been there, uni starts soon and you need a place to live. If you're lucky enough, you have a few friends you would like to move in with, so you start screening the market. After a few days of online research and a handful of phone calls, you give up. I mean it is June nobody wants to hear from students who plan on moving in two months' time, it's too early! You think 'Perfect, I like procrastinating anyways'.

(Application process stage 2: Blog article)

One month in

During my first visit at the Grant Property office I received an introducing to each department from various members of the team. Initially I thought that I will only find interesting the buying team as that is where I see myself in the future however understanding the whole business model was a lot more rewarding as I learned that each department has its own appeal.

The journey of each property in our portfolio starts with the **buying team** who is not only concerned with getting the best value for money but they also focus on the specific features of each assets as these will determine the budget set aside for the development team. Moving on, you have the **placing team** who are responsible for matching properties to potential investors. Personally I find it fascinating how easy they make it for investors and how much attention they pay to meet the investors' needs. Next is the **renovations and development team** who make all the magic happen, they are basically the Fairy Godmother of Grant Property as illustrated below.

Before

Fairy Godmother/Father

After

Before

Fairy Godmother

After

Then you have the **legal team** who makes sure all our properties meet the required standards and the **marketing team** who is tasked with spreading the word about the great work we do here at Grant Property. Once a property has gone through the different stages outlined above our **lettings team** finds suitable tenants. Then the **property management team** takes over where Ben and Amy run around the clock like busy bees to make sure all our tenants are cared for properly. Finally, when our investors want to capitalise on their investment they go through our **sales team** who ensure the process is as smooth as possible and the capital gains are as high as possible.

And on to the next
Looking forward to next month as there are a couple of interesting projects I cannot wait to start working on. Stay tuned if you want to hear more.