

# Ruth Acolatse

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## EDUCATION

### Marmara University, İstanbul, Türkiye

BA Journalism

Graduation(Expected) Jun 2025

### Mykolo Romerio University, Vilnius, Lithuania

BA Communications and Digital Marketing (Journalism) – 4.00/4.0

Sep 2023 – Jan 2024

## AWARDS / CONFERENCES / PROJECTS

- **'Her Boydan Yazarlık Akademisi'**, certificate of achievement awarded by Yurt Dışı Türkler ve Akraba Topluluklar Başkanlığı (YTB) for successful completion of the 'Her Boydan writing academy on Maltepe University campus: [\[1\]](#) [\[2\]](#) Feb 2024
- **Qatar Forum Youth Edition**, Ghanaian delegate to the first ever youth edition of Qatar Forum: [\[3\]](#) Nov 2023
- **Erasmus+ Exchange Program Recipient**, fully funded Erasmus+ Semester Exchange Program to Mykolo Romerio University in Vilnius, Lithuania: [\[4\]](#) [\[5\]](#) [\[6\]](#) Aug 2023
- **World Schools Debating Championships Board of Director** Jan 2023
- **Turkish Government Scholarship Awardee** for Fully Funded Undergraduate Education: [\[7\]](#) [\[8\]](#) Oct 2020
- **Keynote Speaker and Borlaug Scholar**, 2018 World Food Prize Iowa Youth Institute: [\[9\]](#) [\[10\]](#) [\[11\]](#) Mar 2018
- **Student of the Month**, United States Department of State and American Councils Certificate of Achievement for positive representation of the Kennedy Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program: [\[12\]](#) [\[13\]](#) Jan 2018
- **United States Department of States Certificate of Achievement** for fostering mutual understanding by completing more than 100 hours of community service in the United States June 2018
- **Iowa High School Press Association Honorable mention for Spring Journalism Contest**: [\[14\]](#) [\[15\]](#) April 2018
- **Kennedy Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program Participant**, United States Department of State fully sponsored intercultural exchange scholarship recipient for the 2017/2018 academic year [\[16\]](#) Aug 2017

## WORK EXPERIENCES

### Python and Data Science Intern Lifeline

April 2024 - Present

- Developed an algorithm for outpatient drug tracking system to collect and analyze patient health data.
- Built an algorithm to recommend insurance options to users.
- Designed the back end of an insurance recommendation system and stored data securely using SQL on supabase.
- Implemented secure user data storage on AWS.AWS

### Communications Intern İYMER - İstanbul Foreigners Investment Center, İstanbul, Türkiye [\[17\]](#)

Aug 2023 - Sep 2023

- Actively participated in the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, gaining valuable experience in project management and client onboarding
- Demonstrated strong analytical skills by preparing comprehensive financial statements for the company which contributed to key decision-making processes for the firm.
- Spearheaded the management of the company's online presence across 3 social media platforms and websites, with a focus on marketing strategies to attract and retain foreign investors by identifying trends and opportunities to enhance visibility and increase engagement with posts.
- Collaborated effectively with cross-functional teams, ensuring a cohesive approach to client engagement and service improvement initiatives.

### Person/Customer Service Woman of Peace Spare Parts Store, Kpando, Ghana

Jan 2013 - June 2021

- Effectively managed inventory, ensuring optimal stock levels to meet customer demand and prevent shortages.
- Utilized proactive problem-solving and conflict resolution skills to analyze and identify instances of customer dissatisfaction, promptly deescalating issues to maintain high levels of client satisfaction.
- Conducted meticulous record-keeping of products sold and needed, proactively ordering goods to maintain a well-stocked store and prevent deficits.
- Efficiently processed transactions, minimizing operational risks and financial deficits for the store.

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

### Debate Coach, Knova, Singapore EdTech

June 2022 – Aug 2023

- Developed and implemented a comprehensive curriculum tailored to the intellectual and age-specific needs of the students.
- Instructed students in critical debating skills, including effective research techniques, the utilization of research in persuasive speeches, and clear and persuasive communication.

- Cultivated values such as tolerance, curiosity, adaptability to different debate positions, and the ability to work collaboratively within teams, as many debates required group participation.
- Facilitated group dynamics, teaching students how to work efficiently within debate teams of various sizes, ranging from pairs to teams of three to five individuals.

**Volunteer Tutor, Delta Preparatory School, Kpando, Ghana**

Jun 2018 - Aug 2018

- Taught a class of approximately 30 Junior High School students in Mathematics, Science, and English, utilizing effective teaching strategies.
- Developed comprehensive lesson plans tailored to student needs. This significantly contributed to the school's achievement of one of the best BECE results, with an average score increase of 15%-20% among students.
- Collaborated with fellow educators and school administration to create a supportive learning environment.

**Volunteer Tutor, Meredith Middle School, Des Moines, Iowa**

Jan 2018 - Mar 2018

- I assisted in teaching English as a second language to refugees and citizens with minimal English-speaking ability.
- Helped prepare refugees for their English as a second language examinations.

**SKILLS AND INTERESTS**

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- Adaptability and Cross-cultural sensitivity: Honed through years of debate, allowing me to adjust to changing situations and engage with diverse viewpoints effectively.
- Public speaking: World's Public Speaking Runner Up 2024 [\[18\]](#)
- Problem Solving and Conflict Resolution: Proficient in identifying and implementing effective solutions and deescalating conflicts. [\[19\]](#)
- Communication, collaboration, and Teamwork: Clear, concise, and positive communication; strong team player.
- Debate: Judged in the World Universities and World Schools Debating Championship Grand Final 2023 [\[20\]](#) [\[21\]](#)
- Multilingual: Fluent in English, Ewe and Turkish
- Technical skills - Microsoft Office (Excel, PowerPoint, Word).
- Digital Marketing (Google Certified Digital Marketer).
- Content creation (content creator with over 140,000 followers on TikTok).
- Programming: Python – intermediate.