

# NICOLAS WATKINS

## FORENSIC ACCOUNTING INTERN

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### STRENGTHS

- 🧠 **Analytical Thinking**  
Used analytical thinking in real-world simulations, accurately detecting financial irregularities and fostering natural teamwork.
- 📊 **Excel Proficiency**  
Excel expertise demonstrated through complex financial modeling projects, supporting collaborative learning with classmates.
- 🗣️ **Effective Communication**  
Honed communication skills during presentations, leading to successful engagement with diverse audiences and effective information transfer.
- 👥 **Team Collaboration**  
Developed teamwork strategies in group projects, allowing for task flexibility and open support among peers, greatly improving major deliverables.
- 💡 **Critical Thinking**  
Cultivated critical thinking throughout complex case analyses, resulting in valuable insights shared during intensive discussion rounds.

### SKILLS

#### Forensic Accounting

Financial Analysis   Microsoft Excel

Data Analysis   Team Collaboration

#### Research Skills

#### Communication Skills

#### Strategic Planning

#### Presentation Skills

Problem Solving   Critical Thinking

### SUMMARY

Dedicated accounting student eager to contribute to investigative engagements. Hands-on experience gained through academic projects enhancing analytical skills in financial evaluations and business consulting. Proficient in Microsoft Excel, adept at using advanced features for data analysis. Strong commitment to delivering high-quality outcomes while collaborating effectively with teams. Demonstrated ability to navigate complex scenarios in financial mismanagement evaluations, strengthening proficiency in forensic practices. Eager to bring keen analytical insight into a professional setting that values detail-oriented contributions to inspire client trust.

### EDUCATION

#### Bachelor of Science in Accounting

Ohio State University 🎓 GPA: 3.5 📅 2027 📍 Columbus, OH

**Coursework:** Financial Analysis, Forensic Accounting, Business Law, Taxation

### TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Data Analysis Tools:** Microsoft Excel, SPSS, Tableau
- **Reporting Software:** Tableau, Crystal Reports, MS Word
- **Presentation Tools:** PowerPoint, Google Slides, Prezi
- **Accounting Standards:** GAAP, IFRS, FASB
- **Research Methodologies:** Qualitative, Quantitative, Mixed Methods
- **Financial Modeling Techniques:** Trusted Estimate, Historical Data Forecasting, Scenario Analysis
- **Collaboration Platforms:** Microsoft Teams, Slack, Zoom
- **Project Management Tools:** Trello, Asana, JIRA
- **Statistical Analysis Tools:** R, Python, MATLAB
- **Business Applications:** QuickBooks, Sage, FreshBooks

### EXPERIENCE

#### Forensic Accounting Researcher

University Project 📅 January 2026 - May 2026 📍 Columbus, OH

Supported forensic accounting research by analyzing financial statements in simulated cases, working collaboratively with peers on analytical frameworks. Formulated reports displaying findings effectively for stakeholder review, thus reinforcing communication skills in complex discussions. Measured impact of outreach during presentations, enhancing delivery techniques.

- Conducted comprehensive analysis of financial statements for simulated business scenarios, identifying discrepancies and potential fraud indicators.
- Collaborated with peers to develop a reporting framework for presenting findings to stakeholders, enhancing communication skills.
- Utilized advanced Excel functions to analyze large datasets, improving efficiency in data processing and presentation.
- Created detailed reports summarizing research findings, showcasing analytical and critical thinking skills.
- Participated in peer review sessions to refine research methodologies and presentation techniques, bolstering teamwork and collaboration.
- Presented findings at a university symposium, receiving positive feedback for clarity and depth of analysis.

Report Writing Public Speaking

Data Interpretation Case Studies

## LANGUAGES

English Native

Spanish Intermediate

## MY CAREER



● Forensic Accounting  
Researcher at University Project  
(4 Months)

● Investigative Accounting  
Case Study at University Project  
(3 Months)

## Investigative Accounting Case Study

University Project 📅 September 2025 - December 2025 📍 Columbus, OH

Analyzed a complex case involving financial mismanagement, refining problem-solving abilities while developing strategic recovery recommendations based on historical data patterns. Engaged with group discussions complemented by public speaking experiences in the project presentations.

- Analyzed a case study involving a fictional company's financial mismanagement, identifying key areas of concern and potential recovery strategies.
- Developed a comprehensive financial forecast based on historical data, enhancing understanding of economic damage evaluations.
- Presented recommendations to classmates, practicing public speaking and persuasive communication skills.
- Engaged in group discussions to evaluate various accounting frameworks, fostering critical thinking and problem-solving abilities.
- Applied Microsoft Excel for financial modeling, demonstrating proficiency in intermediate and advanced functionalities.
- Collaborated effectively within a team to deliver a cohesive final project, showcasing teamwork and project management.

## LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Dean's List - Fall 2025, Spring 2026
- Accounting Student of the Month - March 2026

## CERTIFICATIONS

- Microsoft Excel Certification 📅 2026
- Forensic Accounting Certificate 📅 2026

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Accounting Club
- Volunteer, Local Food Bank

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Work Status** : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

## REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST