

Work Experience Programme.

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Why did you choose PEM?

The main reason for choosing PEM was that they are experienced in recruiting staff at the beginning of their careers and support development. In addition to this, unlike many other firms, PEM contains both Accounting and Corporate Finance departments which aligns perfectly with my degree (Accounting and Finance).

How did your role develop and what did you enjoy most about it?

My role was split across Audit and Accounting at both the central and Milton sites. The part of my role I most enjoyed was the variety of tasks which I participated in - not only creating elements of financial statements but also being involved in market research, sample testing and comparative analysis. This provided me with a breadth of exposure and also meant that I had the opportunity to work with quite a few different members of the PEM team which I really enjoyed.

What skills were useful in this profession?

Strong analytical skills, attention to detail and quantitative skills are all important. Soft skills are

also essential. Being able to effectively engage with different people and different teams will also help in the field of accounting.

What experience have you gained at PEM?

During my time at PEM, I gained experience in: sample testing, market research, preparing and reconciling sections of accounts, financial comparison and analysis of companies and audit confirmation and completion procedures. It was also valuable to gain hands-on experience of concepts that I had been taught at university.

What was your favourite aspect about your role?

Every single person that I worked with at PEM was friendly, patient, knowledgeable and supportive - I really appreciated and enjoyed the chance to work with them. The team were not only happy to speak to me about the tasks I was doing but also more broadly about the field of Accounting and Audit as a whole.

Describe working at PEM in three words.

Supportive, varied, welcoming.