

# Finance and Business Workplace Study Tour 2016

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This workplace study tour has opened my eyes to the different career opportunities available in the financial sector and has motivated me more to obtain a top graduate job after my degree.

# Professional Services



“The people we met at EY seemed very down to earth and relaxed, and seemed to really enjoy their jobs in tax and again their enthusiasm and seemingly strong work ethic really impressed on us visiting their company.”



“Visiting PWC gave us the opportunity to hear how to create a stand out application and what they are looking for in an applicant, which I feel is something which I will be able to take on board when applying for my future placement.”

# Finance

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“I would say that the HM Treasury was the greatest learning experience because prior to the visit I would never have considered a role in the public sector. The professionals that we spoke to really portrayed an enjoyment from their job, particularly when their roles helped them contribute to things that were compelling and conspicuous.”

“Bloomberg was the most significant as I didn't know how charitable they were and also how they based all their work around the core value transparency. The architecture of their offices and the support they provide to non financial issues such as the environment and charities.”

“It was a great experience getting to observe trading floors first-hand at Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley.”

“I found that our visit to Citi was particular useful as I was able to find out what other roles an Investment Bank can offer.”



# Insurance



“I feel that I learnt most from our visit to Aon, primarily because I went in with the view that it was only an insurance firm and wasn't aware that there was actually a finance and investing division within the firm. I also feel that they led the firms in making more senior staff available to talk to us about their roles and took a lot of time out of their days to answer questions for us.”

“Liberty Speciality markets was agreed by most to be the best visit due to the interactive nature of the visit. The risk game was really well welcomed by everyone and broke up the visit well, plus the HR representative, Sam, was really interesting and fun. The interactive and fun nature of the visit really caught everyone's attention and helped to explain the different business areas of insurance firm, which I personally did not realise was so vast.”



**The tour has changed the course of my future career plans. It has also motivated me to get involved in more extra-curricular activities that will help to develop my CV and career development.**

# What have we learned?

## Workplace Roles

The Tour provides a great insight into the many different jobs available, some of which many of us were previously unaware of. Some of these roles include: Accountant, Actuary, Investment Analyst, Insurance broker, Financial Advisor, Auditor and Tax Specialist. We were able to meet people working in all of these roles and gain a fantastic insight into what each of their jobs involved.



## Internships and Placements

- Many of the companies on the Tour offer internships and placements in some of their departments.
- Doing a placement or internship can be a great way of gaining some experience in the industry while you are still studying and looks great on your CV.
- They can help you determine if a career appeals to you before committing to a graduate job.
- Most employers start filling their graduate roles from candidates who have previously completed a placement or internship with them.

## Tips from Employers

- Get involved in clubs and societies on campus related to the field you're interested in - such as the Finance and Actuarial Society and the Queen's Trading and Investment Club.
- Other activities such as part time jobs, sports or volunteer work can be a great way of demonstrating transferable skills to employers.
- Keep up to date with the financial world by reading publications such as the Financial Times, the Economist or even by following industry leaders and companies on Twitter and LinkedIn.

