

**Name:** John Purcell, 4<sup>th</sup> Year BBA Business and Accounting

**Placement Partner Organisation:**  
Ernst & Young (EY)

**Job Description:** I worked in the banking and aircraft leasing audit department. Our department audited companies in these industries.



## What I Did:

Start Date: September 2018      End date: August 2019

- My day to day tasks were testing client accounts to ensure they were in line with accounting and regulatory standards, analyzing our client's financial position using excel and using Bloomberg terminal to research companies that our clients have invested in.
- I was in London auditing one of our clients so there is a big chance you'll get the opportunity to get out of the office and work on the client's site.
- I spent some time working in the Structured Finance department where I worked on derivatives so there's development no matter what department you go to.

## Learning Outcomes:

- Working on the 4 financial statements everyday you know them inside & out by the end of it.
- Put a lot of journal entries and 'knowing if it's a debit or a credit' theory into practice.
- I worked on 7 companies, in 3 locations and with 30+ people so you really develop as an accounting student by getting these opportunities that are exclusive to the top firms.
- You see how everything fits together, you understand why companies do what they do and I am now going back to college with a sense of competency.
- It gives you an unprecedented look into the accounting and finance industry.
- I've signed a graduate contract for after my degree!

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