

CASE STUDY

KnowledgeEast Graduate
Internship Scheme

University Of East London, Employability & Enterprise Team

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About me

My name is Azariah Quansah and I studied MSc Corporate Governance at the London South Bank University. I chose this course as it meets the professional needs of the ICSA (Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators) qualification as I want to become

My KnowledgeEast Internship experience

The KnowledgeEast Graduate Programme helped to open my eyes to the professional world. They did this by making much needed change to my CV and since changing the structure I feel more positive about my CV. I also enjoyed the mock interviews as I was given the opportunity to see how you should go about answering questions. When I watched other graduates answering the question I was able to pick up tips when going to an interview. This also showed me the confidence I need when going for a real interview.

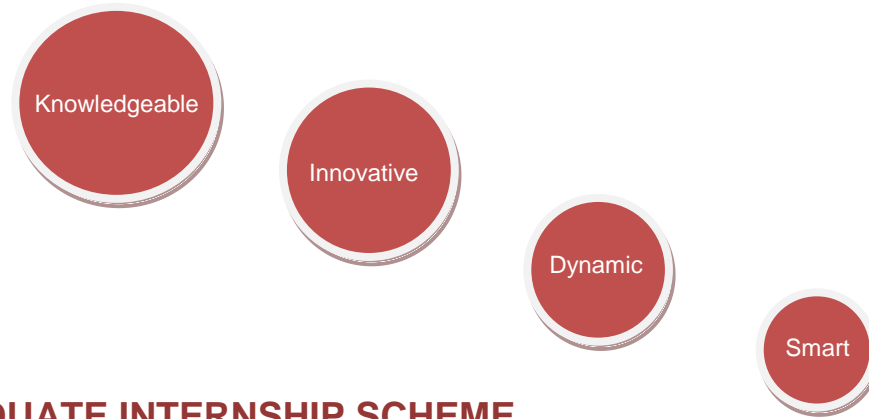
My placement with an accountancy company as an office manager has given me a major amount of experience. This placement taught me to build on my skills in accountancy and showed me how to talk to important clients. I not only gained experience but I was given the chance to gain more knowledge in this field. I feel that the 'hands on' experience has given me a definite advantage and has worked hand in hand with the academic knowledge I gained from my studies.

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My future

I hope to become a chartered secretary and I feel that this experience has helped me greatly as it was a fantastic boost for my CV.

Placing smart, dynamic graduates into forward thinking businesses...



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ABOUT KNOWLEDGEEAST GRADUATE INTERNSHIP SCHEME

In December 2009, a UEL-led collaborative bid on behalf of the KnowledgeEast HEI partnership was awarded funding to provide internship opportunities for unemployed graduates. Over the next 9 months, 500 paid internship opportunities will be created for recent graduates in local SMEs or larger businesses. This will be a valuable first step into the workplace for graduates who are entering the workplace in a challenging economic climate.

Recent graduates from the partner HEIs will be contacted about the project and invited to apply through a competitive process. The graduates showing most potential will be invited to attend a one day Preparation for Employment Event, followed by a one day Assessment Centre. The purpose of the two events is to ensure that the graduates are 'employer-ready' and that they are assigned to an internship where they have a high chance of success. The project will be very employer-focused to increase the possibility of the internship being converted into a full time post.

Through the KnowledgeEast partnership, the project will draw on the expertise of a range of colleagues in both the Careers/Employability and Enterprise teams of the partner HEIs. This project will complement and build on existing activity, including the work of the Knowledge East Enterprise Network (KEEN), our existing collaborative ECIF programme and the TGLP Internship Pilot delivered in 2008/9.

Femi Bola, UEL's Director of Employability said "The KnowledgeEast Graduate Internship Scheme presents a great opportunity for UEL to lead a scheme to help tackle one of the pressing issues of the moment, graduate unemployment, whilst continuing to build our understanding and expertise in the area of graduate level employability skills."