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I joined Isosceles right at the end of 2015 as one of the first graduate intakes, and I am now about to take my last exam to get ICAEW chartered status. I graduated in History with an MSc in Business and Management, with some experience working in Burger King, charity shops and a church. What I didn't have was any idea what debits and credits were, how a finance department functioned or how to complete even the most basic of tasks. It would be very difficult to arrive with less knowledge of accountancy than I did!

However, the team at Isosceles have been fantastic in developing me professionally, taking me through everything I have needed to be successful here.

I have gone from posting invoices through preparing month end journals to now being responsible for preparing monthly reporting and analysis for clients. I also prepare statutory accounts and corporation tax returns, as well as managing clients' day to day needs. I have gained a lot of experience having had the opportunity to work with directors and senior leaders within client businesses and also with Isosceles account directors.

There have also been a lot of opportunities to get some unique experiences, including being involved in closing down a couple of companies and learning to use Power BI reporting. Life at Isosceles is always varied; it involves engaging with multiple clients who have very different needs and personalities and providing a range of services. Dealing with the challenges here requires commitment and determination to grow, but the experience is very interesting and rewarding as you are contributing real value to the client's business throughout.

Studying alongside this can be difficult, there have definitely been days where I would rather put my feet up with a cup of tea after work than get the books out! However, studying gives you a lot of technical knowledge that helps support your work. Looking back, the time invested in studying has been absolutely worth the challenge.

Working and studying to complete your accountancy qualification, wherever you do it, is always going to be a lot of hard work and you need to make a sacrifice to achieve it. Partly despite this and partly because of this, it is a massive achievement and more than worth doing.

With the support that Isosceles have provided and the fantastic opportunities available, it has been a great place to be, and I am looking forward to continuing to contribute to my clients as a chartered accountant.