THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG The ICAEW Foundation Bursary 2024/25 Student Report

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First and foremost, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for the generous support from The ICAEW Foundation. The Bursary has not only alleviated my financial burden but also provided me with invaluable opportunities to explore my potential and gain meaningful experiences during my university years. As I approach my final year of studies, I would like to share with the donor my personal growth and reflections from this past year.

This summer, I participated in the "Greater Bay Area Study Tour" organized by my College and had the honor of hosting two seminars. It was my first time standing on stage as a moderator, facing students and faculty members from different institutions. Although I was nervous, the experience proved to be deeply rewarding as it pushed me out of my comfort zone. To my surprise, my performance was highly praised by the professors, which helped me realize that beyond academics. I also possess communication leadership skills. and Additionally, interacting with students from across the Greater Bay Area broadened my horizons and deepened my understanding of regional development.

Following the tour, I interned at the Bank of Communications Shenzhen Branch, marking my first professional experience in mainland China. Compared to my previous internship in Hong Kong, I observed distinct workplace dynamics and culture in Shenzhen, which was an eye-opening experience. During the internship, I took part in a community initiative to raise awareness about telecom fraud prevention. Assisting elderly individuals in recognizing and avoiding scams was particularly fulfilling, as it highlighted the social responsibility of financial professionals and allowed me to apply my knowledge in a meaningful way.



Greater Bay Area Study Tour



Internship at the Bank of Communications

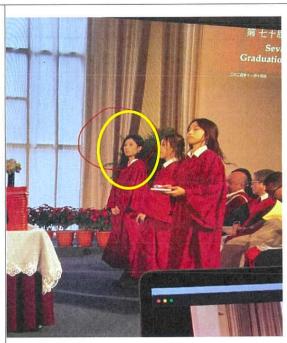


Community Service: Telecom Fraud Prevention

This internship also provided me with firsthand insights into the differences between banking and accounting firm environments. While I have yet to finalize my career path, these practical experiences have undoubtedly enriched my perspective on future career choices. Moreover, I had the opportunity to serve as a helper at my university's graduation ceremony, where I assisted with administrative coordination. Though I may not necessarily pursue a career in administration, this experience has expanded my understanding of potential career pathways.

Looking back on this year, despite occasional anxiety about the uncertainties ahead, actively engaging in these experiences has helped me build confidence and clarity. None of this would have been possible without the Bursary, which has not only facilitated my academic journey but also empowered me to step beyond my comfort zone. Moving forward, I will continue to contribute to society and honor the kindness I have received.

Once again, I express my gratitude for the generosity of The ICAEW Foundation. Wishing the donor good health and success in all their endeavors.



Graduation Ceremony

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