

My Time at Stellar

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I graduated with my bachelor's in Computing and Management from Heriot-Watt last year. When I was studying for my degree I had no real idea of what I wanted after, beyond working in tech. With most of the modules I was taking throughout my degree, I wasn't sure how these would tie into any future job I would have. Looking back, so many of these modules including Requirements Engineering, Design & Implementation, Interaction Design, and Project Management have equipped me with skills and techniques that I now use daily as a Business Analyst. I now often joke I was training to be a BA before I knew what that stood for.

In University, I loved the diversity of courses and topics that we would cover and the resulting range of skills that I was developing to tackle these. At Stellar I enjoy working in a similarly wide range of areas and building up my skills and experience in each. When I first graduated I was worried that I would struggle to find an employer that would trust the foundation of knowledge I had built in University. I know fellow graduates that have struggled to achieve the freedom to grow, being seen only as the least experienced member of the team. At Stellar, this has never been a problem for me. In my time at Stellar I have worked in every aspect of the project, designing business processes, maintaining supporting documentation, working with Stakeholders to gather requirements and approval of work completed, with developers, testers, and user experience design colleagues. I couldn't possibly list all of the areas I've worked in and the experience that I've built while at Stellar but while doing so I've always got a great team of people around me to support me to make sure I can feel comfortable pushing myself.

I'm excited to build more on the skills I've developed in the 'deep end' by focusing on solidifying my skills with Stellar's learning paths and achieving my BA certifications.