

My Time at Stellar

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I first joined Stellar Omada in September 2020 as an Intern on a placement year whilst studying Business at Edinburgh Napier University. I joined just after the company had celebrated their second birthday, and as the company was still in its start-up phase it required me to use and develop my skills in many different areas, which suited me perfectly as I still wasn't sure which direction I wanted my career to go in.

I spent extended periods firstly in Marketing and then in Finance, however exposure to all the shared services areas meant I began to develop a well-rounded view not only of how a shared services function works, but how it grows with the rest of the business over time. I'm also grateful for the exposure I got to marketing as it gave me the opportunity to understand that whilst I may enjoy some aspects of a role, full-time I prefer working in different areas.

After completing my placement year, I went back to university for my final year of study. Interestingly, I found I was getting a lot more out of my studies as I was using what I had learned on my placement as context for what I was learning theoretically. I'm looking to continue learning this way, with the support of Stellar, as I joined the company again in September 2022 as a Finance Graduate.

For 2023 I'm looking forward to integrating and adapting to a new finance system, continuing to improve our processes for efficiency, and continuing to gain exposure to more of the finance function. I'm also looking forward to picking up skills from client facing areas of the business, and this motivates me as I don't feel my learning is restricted purely to my job role. The company is full of good characters which is for me possibly the most important thing in a place of work. Not only are there good people, but also plenty of experienced leaders throughout the business who are more than willing to assist in anyone's development.