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Deloitte offers clients a broad range of fully integrated services in areas that include Audit, Tax, Consulting and Corporate Finance.

Fan graduated with an MSc in International Accounting in 2008, directly after which he joined the Beijing branch of Deloitte. As an Associate, he is responsible for preparing audit reports on companies mainly listed on the US stock exchange, presenting an accurate and fair report on a company's financial situation.

Great minds *go on to* great places

What were your main reasons for choosing Royal Holloway?

Firstly, for its reputation amongst all UK universities. A degree from Royal Holloway is renowned all around the world as high quality and world class, so I realised that a Royal Holloway degree on my CV would be a great start for my career.

Secondly, for the experienced experts and professors. I researched the School on the website and contacted the course director by email to get more information about the tutors and course content. I found that all the tutors were well recognised in the field, and the course was well structured, so that also contributed to my decision to apply.

Finally, for its beautiful campus and lovely students. I went to Royal Holloway twice before applying; I thought that the comfortable environment would stimulate my attitude for studying. It turns out that it did!

Why did you want to study in the UK?

For the once-in-a-life time study experience. I got to enjoy a different culture, meet more friends from other countries, and to learn about different ways of thinking. Compared with my high-school classmates studying in China, I was able to

immerse myself in the English language, as well as looking forward to taking advantage of the greatly improved job prospects available to me after completing my studies.

Why did you choose to study International Accounting?

To get a broad range of knowledge about international accounting standards. International Accounting opens doors in every kind of business. It can give you the foundation you need to go on and become a qualified accountant. It can prepare you to become a partner in an accounting firm, to pursue a career in finance or corporate management, to work in government, or even to become an entrepreneur. In fact, I think no matter what you decide to go onto to, having an accounting background can open plenty of doors for you.

Can you tell us about your Royal Holloway experience?

I usually went to the School for taught courses three days per week, and the other two days I studied in my room or the library to prepare essay research or to write coursework. I took a break from studying over the weekends. My friends and I went to London for a sight-seeing tour, or played

football on the grass field on campus. We also went to Medicine [student bar] and met up with other friends as well.

Were you part of any societies or clubs?

I did join the tennis club at Royal Holloway, but I only went to the club for activities few times. The demanding workload on my course meant that I spent a lot of time studying.

What was your favourite aspect of the course?

My favourite aspect of the course would be the tutors who taught me. They are all experts in specialist accounting. The experiences that they shared with us were really valuable and I feel like I learned a lot.

Have your studies helped you in your career?

Yes, my studies have helped me in my career a lot so far. The lessons I've learned at Royal Holloway helped me to understand financial reports more quickly. I find that I can apply the theory part of what I learnt to practical tasks, which helps me to understand what I am doing.



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Tell us about your current role at Deloitte.

I'm working at Deloitte, Beijing branch as an auditor in Group 1. Most of our clients are companies listed in the US stock exchange. My main job is auditing those companies' financial reports to ensure they are reflecting a true and fair view about the companies' financial situation. We issue audited reports for those companies, which allow shareholders and any potential investors to gain a better understanding about the business processes and financial status of those companies.

What challenges have you faced in business?

Challenges come from all different angles in business. I have to say, most of the challenges are pressures from your boss and clients. For example, you have to ensure the work will be done with high quality for your clients whilst meeting tight deadlines set by your boss. Sometimes you need to work overtime a lot, even during weekends

and public holidays. It's really difficult to keep your personal life and work in balance, but you have to. Therefore the good way to do is make a plan for the work before you started it, then try to stick to the plan by your own schedule.

What has been your career path since graduating?

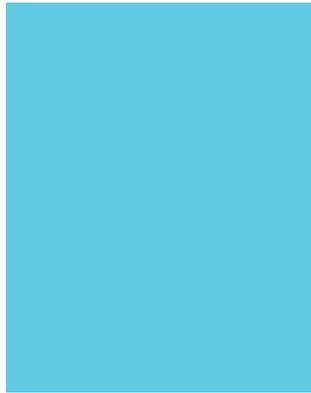
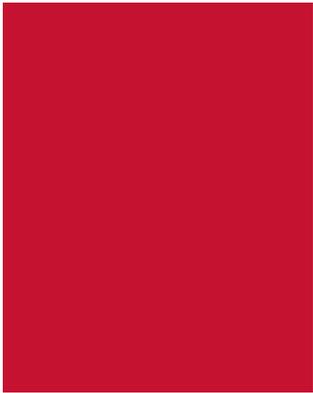
I joined Deloitte directly after graduation in 2008.

What does 'alumni' mean to you?

I can share my own experiences for jobs and lives with other alumni and get their experiences as well; it's a platform for sharing. This platform keeps us in touch with each others and could give suggestions to our fellows. Also, the network and community allows us to communicate with each other after graduation, potentially leading to important introductions if you are looking at a different industry or trying to make the next step in your career.

Do you have any tips for current students looking to get into business?

You should aim to work for a company that you're really interested in. While you are still studying in school, try to work hard, do more reading, and participate in the job fairs? whenever possible. Before you choose the business you want to get into, do a lot of research on it; you should include history about the business, top companies in the industry, the growth prospects etc. Job satisfaction is a priority when you are considering get into business.



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