

KPMG STUDENT PROGRAMMES

JOB DESCRIPTION – Audit

Work Placement – Audit



What will I do in KPMG?

Thinking about a career in accountancy and professional services, but not sure what it is all about? Our Work Placement Programme offers you a fantastic opportunity to discover at first-hand what it is like to work at KPMG and to find out more about the range of services that we provide for our clients.

We enjoy a reputation as the market leader in the areas of technology, financial services, property, manufacturing and distribution. Your Placement at KPMG aims to prepare you for a career in business and give you an understanding of our business, our clients, our people and our culture.

What is working in Audit like?

“The main objective of the Audit department in KPMG is to ensure that the financial statements of their clients are a fair reflection of their financial performance. These can be PLCs or limited companies. KPMG also offers audit support for charities.

Working as a part of Audit as a Placement is greatly rewarding and interesting. My day to day role in the Audit department included contacting banks, meetings with clients, and testing controls. On my Placement, I worked on large but very different Multi-National Companies nearly every week, and found that every company can differ. As an Audit Placement, you are assigned to a team – for each client job, I travelled to client site with members of my team. This gives all Placements a big opportunity to gain exposure, not only to accounting, but to the differences in companies across different industries.

Placements are given the opportunity to show their capabilities in many ways. They are assigned their own client work to carry out and a deadline. This made me feel very comfortable, as I was included in all discussions.”

Adam Cunningham (UL, Business Studies) – Audit Placement,
What you'll do as a KPMG Audit Placement



5 Reasons to join KPMG

01 Meaningful Work Experience



We prioritise giving our students real responsibility by working shoulder to shoulder with the major players, to see the nuts and bolts of how they work

02 We're top of the class



We're Ireland's #1 professional services firm and we've got the awards to prove it.

- #1 gradIreland Best Internship Programme 2018
- #1 gradIreland Graduate Employer of the Year (Accountancy & Professional Services) 2019
- #1 Most Attractive Employer for Business Students in Ireland 2019

03 Get your house in order



Literally – scoring a job in a new city can be exciting but there are practicalities to sort too. Our dedicated 'house-hunter' will help you to search for your new home free of charge

04 Support @Work



Transitioning from college life can be daunting. Your assigned KPMG Performance Manager and Buddy will show you the ropes, help you find your feet, and sharpen your skills and knowledge on the job

05 'Aspire & Ignite'



Make your time at KPMG count with our award winning development programme for Interns and Work Placements. You'll develop key professional and personal skills focused on your future development as part of our 'Aspire & Ignite' Programme.

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Inclusion & Diversity - Pride Week

What training and support will I get?

At KPMG, we understand that the transition from college to working life can be daunting.

We support all of our Placements through:

- A dedicated Performance Manager
- A Buddy System
- 'Aspire & Ignite' Development Programme

The support provided by the KPMG Business School and the 'Aspire & Ignite' Development Programme will be exemplary right from the beginning of your time here.

Your first day will involve induction training, where you will get an insight into the different departments, get your laptop set up, get information on all the extra-curricular activities that you can get involved in - and most importantly get to know everyone in your Placement Programme group. The induction training is a great way to gradually get you ready for office life. Following on from this you will have IT virtual training and e-learnings, which allow you to become confident and familiar with the IT systems in KPMG.

The training and support does not end here. In KPMG, Placements have training sessions monthly, normally on Friday afternoons. These involve team building skills, nutritional talks, and development days where you're supported in your integration into the working world. This training is fun and light-hearted, and is sure to make you laugh on a Friday afternoon!

Life@KPMG

"On Placement, there are a number of activities that are organised. The 'Konnect Committee' is a committee of Placements in charge of organising events for us. As a part of our Placement we went on a weekend to Galway, had a boat party, and many more. We also attended St. Michael's House as a part of our Corporate Citizenship day. It was a greatly rewarding day, in which we gardened and helped remove any rubbish for the charity.

I've gained so much from my Placement. It has been a massive opportunity that I am grateful for. It has opened my eyes to the working world, and KPMG is a fantastic place to start working life. The support you are given, along with the friends you make, are incomparable. Everything I have learned is not only applicable to working life, but life in general. The core values and ethics you learn, you carry with you wherever you go."

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about his experience of the social side of KPMG Placement life



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Corporate Citizenship Day - Beach Clean



Global Internship Programme



Global Advantage Programme



Summer BBQ



KPMG Boat Party



Sports and Social Events

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Where will I work?

- Positions are based in our Dublin, Cork, Galway, and Belfast offices.
- KPMG provide assistance in finding accommodation in Dublin.
- Depending on your KPMG department, you will regularly be based at the client's premises with your team.



How long is it for?

You will complete a paid Work Placement with us – the duration and start date will depend on your college's requirements. Please contact your Placement Office for further information.



How do I apply?

Contact your Placement Office directly to submit an application to KPMG. Your CV must include:

- Your Leaving Certificate results (or equivalent)
- Results of all your university exams to date
- Any positions of responsibility that you have held
- Previous work experience (e.g. part time jobs)
- Your interests and key achievements to date (e.g. societies, groups, hobbies)
- Your preferences for Audit, Tax, Deal Advisory, Deal Advisory, and office location



Corporate Citizenship - St Michael's House



Placement Spring Boat Party



Great Departments Events