



# The Next Generation of Internal Audit



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## Why have you chosen to pursue a career in internal audit?

I have chosen to pursue a career in internal audit because of my desire to help people, make a difference, and learn new things.

## How has participating in the IAEP program at your university given you an advantage in comparison to others looking for internal audit jobs?

As part of the IAEP program, my instructor encouraged us to join the UT Dallas IIA/ISACA/ACFE Student Chapter; I have participated as a member for the past four years, including as a chapter officer and president. This has allowed me to develop and improve my networking and communication skills. Through the internal audit class, I gained experience as a student intern in a real company.

## What is your advice for someone looking to pursue an internal audit career?

Get involved! Join your local IIA chapter and internal audit student chapter. Take some internal audit classes. Use these opportunities to network and increase your knowledge.

## What is the most important advice you were given?

Breathe. Do not lose yourself in the process of wanting to get everything done, or you may burn out. Take care of yourself, so that you can give your all in all that you do.

## How did attending the Internal Audit Student Exchange help you grow personally or professionally?

Attending the Student Exchange for three years ignited my passion to pursue a career in internal audit and enabled me to improve my leadership prowess, speaking skills, and knowledge of the profession. In 2018, I was honored to lead a discussion of the great things this profession has to offer with Naohiro Mouri, CAE for AIG and then Global Chairman of The IIA.

## What is your dream job? Why?

My dream job is to be a CAE! I have a passion for constantly learning new things, making a difference, and guiding/mentoring others, and I feel that this may be the best position to allow me to do so.

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