

CASE STUDY



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Gautam Agarwal is a Senior Auditor for Ernst & Young, a firm specialising in financial and non-financial auditing, consulting and tax across all sectors.

He is studying the AIA Recognised Professional Qualification (RPQ) on the Statutory Auditor Training Programme.

Working within a professional accountancy firm, Gautam has clients in all possible sectors. This can at times be challenging, his most testing project to date came while working with a shipping company in Denmark, a sector which he had never before worked in. Gautam encountered a complex company structure and combined with very little time to prepare.

Gautam believes that his AIA qualification has given him the prerequisites to solve different types of demanding accounting and auditing issues while working under demanding circumstances.

“My studies have helped me to solve a number of auditing and accounting issues effectively, improving my theoretical background. The intense nature of my studies has also helped me to work under stress and prioritise issues that are important.”

“The main benefit of my AIA membership is the access to professional advice regarding career and ethical issues in the workplace. I chose the AIA RPQ route because of its well planned structure.”

Gautam won AIA Student of the Year 2014 for his excellent performance and progress in the exams. He also holds a Masters in Accountancy and Finance from Umeå University, Sweden and is fluent in four languages.