

ICE Club Case Study

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Tell us about your experience as part of ICE Club

I worked as Student Crew and the role required me to assist in a variety of areas including airport pick-ups throughout the summer. I was the first point of contact for international students at Manchester Airport and helped with the Orientation days once students arrived at the University.

My second role was working as an Immigration Support Assistant. This role involved helping hundreds of international students with their visa applications.

ICE Club supervisors were very professional and I was entrusted with a high level of responsibility in a fast-paced environment. This encouraged me to develop greater flexibility, which has improved my time management skills and problem-solving skills. I have become more efficient as a result.

What are the benefits of joining?

Everyone supports you as much as you would like and there is no limit to how much you can learn and develop. ICE Club gave me the opportunity to give back to the university as well as work in an extremely friendly and open environment.

How has ICE Club contributed to your professional development?

Professional development has always been important to me. Achieving one's aspirations requires gaining a package of skills, abilities and attributes. My involvement with ICE Club has enhanced my soft skills, for example, my interpersonal skills. These skills will be transferable to professional roles, as they are important to employers and crucial for future success.



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What are your career aspirations for the future?

My career ambitions relate to the Banking sector, particularly Investment Banking with aspirations in Trading and Investment or Fund Management. Success in these areas and in any graduate level role depends not only on academics and technical knowledge but on soft skills such as communication, problem solving, flexibility, adaptability, time management etcetera. My ICE Club experience has given me a stepping stone and an opportunity to impress employers with the significant transferable skills I have gained. I will use this experience to ensure that I will excel, not only professionally, but on a personal level too.