

BHP is one of the North of England's leading independent accountancy practices, ranked in the Top 40 firms nationally, with over 300 staff including 24 partners at our offices in Sheffield, Chesterfield, Leeds, Cleckheaton and York.

BHP has strategic departments across the whole business spectrum: our audit, accounts and business advisory team covers generalist areas and specialist sectors such as charity/not for profit; academies; creative, digital and IT; dental and medical; forensic; metals, manufacturing and engineering; professional practices; and pensions to name a few. Our tax team offers tax advice and planning for corporate, personal and private clients, trusts and estates services, employer solutions and VAT. We also have a multi-award-winning corporate finance team.

Each summer we offer the opportunity for undergraduates to commence a 48 week professional placement with the firm and gain an insight into the real accountancy world.

Students should have a minimum of 280 UCAS points, excluding General Studies, and be on course for a 2:1 in their degree. Students from the Faculty of Finance & Management will find their academic studies very relevant to understanding the role of an accountant in professional practice.

To work for BHP, you need to be:

- interested in business and our clients;
- personable with excellent communication skills;
- numerate, but not necessarily a mathematician;
- enthusiastic and prepared for hard work.

We believe in the importance of our staff and are committed to you having an enjoyable and worthwhile placement – experiencing life in a professional practice and enhancing your own personal skills, whilst gaining an insight into the role of an accountant in the current turbulent financial world.

We provide varied on-the-job training and supervision by partners and other experienced staff. In return we expect hard work and determination from you to develop your skills and equip you for life after your degree – hopefully in the accountancy sector.

Practical Experience provides direct contact with our clients and their business situations. You will be expected to contribute effectively on client assignments and on-the-job coaching from our experienced qualified staff will enable you to do this.

Our close relationships with our clients will provide you with a deeper insight into a wide range of business scenarios, not just pure accountancy based ones. This sound practical experience will support your developing theoretical knowledge and hopefully help you to make the ultimate choice of the right career for you.

What Happens Next? The majority of students who complete successful Professional Placements with BHP apply to us as graduates to study the ACA qualification and become Chartered Accountants. During the three year training contract to achieve this, you will receive high quality professional tuition, together with personal and moral support to help you through your professional studies in a conducive environment.

Please see our website www.bhp.co.uk for full details on the firm, including information on undertaking a professional placement at BHP and the application form. The deadline for applications is 31 January 2017.

For further information on a career as a Chartered Accountant, you may wish to visit the website of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales at www.icaew.com.