



MEET A CITI NEW RECRUIT

Name: Molina Strickland

Age: 18

Employer: Department of Industry - Training Services NSW

Location: Sydney

Business Trainee

Studying: Certificate III in Business

Citi New Recruits Program: NSW Phase 5

Molina Strickland's grandparents own a small store on the Cook Islands. At one point, they suggested she return from Australia to help with the business. That wasn't her thing as she saw no real opportunity to progress. However, it did prompt her to think about venturing into the world of business.

That's when Molina explored the idea of a business administration traineeship as an ideal springboard for her career.

"Pretty much every business needs someone in administration, so it's a great base", she says.

Having just graduated high school, Molina came across a business traineeship opportunity online. She applied and at the interview she learnt about the Citi New Recruits Program and how it could prepare her for the traineeship.

"They mentioned the free program included a week of work experience, and as I had no experience in the corporate environment, that was a winner for me," she says.

In March 2018, Molina completed the program along with 12 fellow job-seekers. She says the program was an "amazing experience" where she learnt many skills to prepare her for the workforce.

The theory aspect of the program reinforced what Molina had learnt in her business studies and work studies subjects at high school. She says the practical side of the program was a highlight - particularly meeting with CEOs and executives, who shared their insights into the business world.

Molina's first exposure to an office environment was her work experience week at the Department of Industry -

Training Services NSW.

"It was really eye-opening to see what an office environment was like. It was completely different from school where you could just shout across the classroom."

After the work experience, she was offered a business traineeship there. Day to day, she tackles a range of administration tasks, applying the skills on-the-job she learns through her studies.

Molina says she has learnt a lot from her co-workers about how to communicate and act in a professional environment.

"Most of the staff are older than me and have more experience, so I can rely on them for their expertise, and they're all open to sharing their knowledge with me", she says.

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