

First Week at ABC Company

Hello, my fellow employees, I'm Jinjin Li, a University of Waterloo student going into my third year of English Rhetoric, and second term of co-op. This is my first time working at ABC Company, specifically in the ABC team, and I have to say that my first week here went by fast. This week began with attending a great co-op orientation, learning some banking terms and acronyms, getting used to the business environment around me, and even becoming more familiar with PowerPoint.

As a child, my grandparents frequently told me that if I was lucky, and worked hard enough, one day I would be able to work in a high-rise building in the downtown core. Being able to work at a highly reputable company felt like a dream ten years ago, and I'm really grateful to have the opportunity to experience this kind of environment while at university.

My first impression of my new workplace – and probably typical of a starting intern – was “Wow! I get to have my own workspace and a view of the landscape outside!” Although those are probably typical when working in a high-rise office environment, to me they are additional perks to working at one of Canada's largest banks.

To say that I'm excited to see what this term at ABC Company will bring would be an understatement. As someone who aspires to live by the quote “life begins beyond your comfort zone,” I can't wait to discover what lies ahead in my term here at ABC Company. I'm ready to learn more about how the bank functions, the roles that my department plays that contribute to the larger organization, and I'm ready to develop more skills to become a better employee for the future.

Stay tuned for more updates on my journey here at ABC Company.