

A Conversation with Jaskaran P.

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[Silent white screen fades into title card with a photo of Jaskaran, that reads: A Conversation with Graduate Jaskaran P.]

[Transition to a blue title screen that reads: A Career in Accounting]

[Alumni: Jaskaran speaking in a classroom]

Jaskaran P. [00:00:07] I work as a senior staff accountant at Prasad and Company LLP,

[Information card comes on screen that reads: Jaskaran P. – Senior Staff Accountant Prasad & Company LLP – Graduated 2018]

Jaskaran P. where my main duties and roles are preparing and leading on audit engagements, review engagements and compilation engagements. Help and prepare corporate tax filings: T1, T2, projections for clients, forecasts, and overall business plannings that we have for clients.

Jaskaran P. [00:00:28] What really excites me is that I'm always faced with different challenges, tasks, projects, throughout the year where I'm never really stuck doing the same thing. It's always something new. I feel like I'm always learning on the job and it feels like it's always that case.

[Transition to a blue title screen that reads: An Education in Business]

[Alumni: Jaskaran speaking in a classroom]

Jaskaran P. [00:00:46] At the University of Guelph-Humber, I took the Business Administration Program with specialization in accounting. The business program is a true collaboration between the University of Guelph and Humber, where you get your technical skills and you also get your soft enabling skills that really come beneficial in the real world. For example, some of the courses you have to do presentations and just that repetition in the courses doing presentations builds your skills. So now when I'm faced with a presentation at the workplace or dealing with clients. I'm trained through the process here at the University of Guelph-Humber and it's really, truly beneficial in the workplace.

Jaskaran P. [00:01:22] One of my favorite courses here at the University of Guelph-Humber was actually the auditing courses, because we are actually faced with CPA level cases. So the actual technical that I learned in the auditing and applying in the audit level cases at a CPA level early on really put me ahead because I already knew what to expect and how to think when I was in the CPA process.

[Transition to a blue title screen that reads: Finding a Family at Guelph-Humber]

[Alumni: Jaskaran speaking in a classroom]

Jaskaran P. [00:01:50] I chose the University of Guelph-Humber because when I came here for the program preview day, I could really feel the close-knit family here at the university. The staff, the students, everybody here on campus was super welcoming and

helpful. Other university, it's a bit overwhelming when you see the grand size of it, but having this close, small, structure really helps build those one-on-one connections.

Jaskaran P. [00:02:13] And that network you built here can really become helpful in your professional career. The current position I'm at with right now with Prasad and Company, I got help getting this position through my FYE leader. So my mentor during the University of Guelph-Humber became my mentor through my professional career and through the CPA process. So that connection I built here at the University of Guelph-Humber really helped me in my career.

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