

## Meet our Graduates - Steve

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Degree: Master of Professional Accounting  
Graduate Cohort: 2016  
Rotations: Group Reporting, Insight and Finance & Domestic Customer & Commercial, Centre of Finance Excellence, Associated Airlines – Decision Support



### Why did you choose the Qantas Graduate Program?

My journey at Qantas has been an interesting one.

Before I applied for the finance grad program, I worked in an operational role at Qantas. After 15 years, I was looking for a career change so I went back to university to study Accounting.

Joining the Qantas Grad Program made sense, as I was able to combine my passion for the airline industry with my new skills, while continuing to work for an iconic Australian company.

Rotating through four different areas within the Finance department is a huge bonus and has helped to shape my career path at Qantas.

### What do you get up to in your rotations?

As grads, we work on real projects that improve our business.

I help prepare monthly performance reports for the CFO, as well as half-year and annual reports that are published publicly. I've also had the opportunity to bring an accounting perspective to the contract review process for Qantas.

### How is your development supported as a grad?

There is a great deal of support available throughout the program, including:

- A Graduate Program Manager who is your point of contact throughout the program
- Rotation managers who offer guidance and experience to help you achieve your rotation objectives
- A buddy system that begins right from orientation.

### What have you learnt about working for an airline?

While I was already aware of the depth and size of an airline's workforce, since commencing the graduate program I have had the opportunity to network and learn vital skills from people with vastly different backgrounds.

Each week I gain deeper insights into the many niche departments and special project teams that you would only discover working in the industry.

### Any other surprises?

The level of opportunity within the Finance department is vast and I'm constantly surprised to be working on exciting projects that I would never have even considered before I started.

The grad program at Qantas is held in high regard within the business. It has been great to meet so many former grads who have paved exciting careers for themselves and are keen to share their knowledge.

### **Tips for those applying for the Qantas Graduate Program?**

The Qantas Grad Program is highly competitive so make sure you're prepared for the interview selection process. Research the current Qantas business plan and strategy and think about how you can have a positive impact on the business.

Great interpersonal and communication skills are also highly important as all rotations involve working in a team environment.