

Graduate Trainee Accountant, Ellison Clarke LLP

About Us

We are a leading mid-tier accountancy practice with a strong reputation for combining technical excellence with a people-first culture. With clients spanning entrepreneurial start-ups, established SMEs, and international organisations, we pride ourselves on delivering advice that helps businesses thrive.

We are committed to developing the next generation of accountants and finance professionals, providing structured training and exposure to a wide range of industries.

The Opportunity

As a Graduate Trainee Accountant, you will join a dynamic team and play an active role in delivering audit, tax, and advisory services to our clients. This is a structured three-year programme designed to support you through your professional qualification (ACA/ACCA), while giving you hands-on client experience from day one.

What You'll Be Doing

- Assisting in the preparation of financial statements under UK GAAP and IFRS.
- Supporting audit teams with client fieldwork, testing, and documentation.
- Preparing tax computations and supporting compliance work.
- Using data analysis tools to test and interpret financial information.
- Building relationships with clients through clear, professional communication.
- Collaborating with colleagues across audit, tax, and advisory to solve client challenges.
- Managing your own workload and meeting deadlines, with guidance from senior staff.

What We're Looking For

We welcome applications from penultimate-year students (expected to graduate in 2026) who are on track for a 2:1 or above in Accounting, Finance, Economics, or a related discipline.

Key attributes include:

- Strong analytical and numerical skills.
- Curiosity about how businesses operate and an interest in financial problem-solving.
- Clear communication and interpersonal skills – you enjoy working with people as well as numbers.
- Resilience, adaptability, and the ability to manage competing priorities.
- Evidence of initiative – through part-time work, volunteering, or extracurricular involvement.
- A commitment to professional development and achieving ACA/ACCA qualification.

What We Offer

- **Professional study support:** Full sponsorship and paid study leave for ACA/ACCA exams.
- **Mentoring:** A dedicated mentor and buddy system to support your growth.
- **Exposure:** Early responsibility and direct client contact from the outset.
- **Career development:** Clear progression opportunities within the firm.
- **Culture:** A supportive, inclusive, and collaborative environment.