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Student named ANZ's first NZ Technology Intern

IT student Aidan Brown's skills, attitude and commitment have been recognised by ANZ bank which has awarded him its first New Zealand Technology Internship.

ANZ's Technology Internship programme is designed to showcase the range of employment opportunities at New Zealand's biggest bank by giving IT students at Wellington Institute of Technology (WelTec) a chance to view the bank from the inside.

Aidan, 22, is studying towards a Bachelor of Information Technology majoring in Programming and Information Security and Assurance. Each week he spends a day at ANZ's technology office in Wellington learning about different parts of the bank.

"I am spending time in each part of the IT team – from attending business meetings where decisions are made about projects, to compliance, technical testing, quality assurance and looking into what is required to support ANZ's core banking service," says Aidan. "At the moment I am primarily working on mobile phone development.

"The ANZ Internship is career changing. I wasn't thinking about banking at the start of my degree as I didn't know about the opportunities. The Technology Internship has really given me a lot to think about in terms of my future career.

"People think of ANZ as banking. It's also a large technology company with heaps of opportunities in all aspects of technology. Any IT job you can think of, there will be someone at ANZ doing it."

The ANZ Internship is one component of a new collaboration between ANZ and WelTec's School of Business & IT designed to address the skills shortage in the IT industry.

ANZ General Manager, Technology, Craig Bunyan, says: "We're confident Technology Internships will mean more IT students will consider working in the banking industry when they graduate. IT is constantly changing and we're keen to attract more young talent like Aidan to ANZ to keep pace with evolving technologies.

"With one of the largest Schools of Business and IT in the country, and almost 450 people studying IT at degree and post graduate level, WelTec was the ideal partner to work with to start addressing the skills shortage and gender imbalance in the IT industry."

The 2016 ANZ Technology Internships are now open to WelTec students until 6 September. Students need New Zealand permanent residency and will be completing a Bachelor of Technology (preferred). The 150-hour internship is worked out over the final year of study.

ANZ technology is also developing an internship programme in Auckland.

See picture below

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