





# MOHAMMED MOBEEN SIDDIQUI

**Mobeen was another graduate whose ambition to work in financial services was being hampered by lack of skills and experience. Unemployed for six months after graduating from King's College London, he enrolled on the 'Bridge to Finance' Securities and Investment course at the National Skills Academy for Financial Services.**

"I really wanted to get into investment banking, but was finding it difficult. But a friend of mine who completed the Bridge to Finance programme got a placement at Credit Suisse so I thought it could be a fantastic opportunity for me too," says Mobeen.

After the course, he secured a paid placement with financial services provider State Street. He believes that the teaching at the Academy was a huge boost to his confidence and success.

"The course was taught by financial services professionals, so we learnt about real working-life in the sector. The employability sessions helped me realise which qualities employers most value and expect," he says.

"I believe it was the combination of the mentoring and teaching that helped me and I would definitely recommend this programme. The Academy is very well-resourced and I was able to use the facilities to work on my CV and carry out research."