

GIRLS IN STEM STEM STAR



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WHAT DO I DO AND ITS IMPACT ON THE WORLD?

As an Internal Audit Manager, I evaluate and manage test activities or procedures performed by others to ensure the activities are performed as intended. I test and manage the test of balances documented in the financial statements to ensure the balances are accurate. A financial statement is a report that shows the amount of money an organization has and how much money it spends. It is important to ensure activities are properly performed to ensure the accuracy of the financial statements because it will encourage people to invest in or do business with an organization.

Auditors provide an independent opinion of the reliability of an organization's financial statements that allow investors, employees, customer, suppliers and others to trust the organization. Auditors can identify risks before problems evolve and may identify fraud during their assessment, which allows an organization to quickly address the fraud and implement necessary procedures to reduce the fraud from reoccurring in the future.

WHAT IS A TYPICAL DAY LIKE IN YOUR JOB?

My typical day is attending 3 – 4 meetings with management discussing changes in business processes or procedures to reduce risk, identifying risks within the organization, researching ways to apply improvements within the audit process, and reviewing work completed by my team.

ARE THERE ARE ANY ADVANTAGES TO BEING A WOMAN IN YOUR FIELD? HAVE YOU HAD TO OVERCOME ANY CHALLENGES AS A WOMAN IN YOUR FIELD?

Like with any field, women offer diversity with the ability to have a different view on a subject and auditing is a lucrative profession for women with many opportunities for advancement. Most women are natural problem solvers and are in constant improvement mode; these skills are helpful to a woman pursuing a profession in auditing. One challenge I had to overcome early in my career as a woman is gaining confidence in my job. Working with people at various levels when I was new in my career was overwhelming and intimidating. However, with time and more experiences my confidence grew.

Helpful STEM Resources:

[She Can STEM: Meet Role Models](#)
[Who are Changing the World with STEM](#)

Upcoming GIS Events: Our next Girls in STEM event will be on Friday, April 5. The event is sponsored by GE and will be hosted at their Aviation Learning Center. Register [here](#).



FUN FACT: I enjoy volunteering at the animal shelter, cooking, and baking, especially decorating cakes.

FUN FACT: I initially wanted to be a fashion designer but decided to pursue a profession in Accounting/Auditing due to high demand.

FUN FACT: My dad was in the United States Air Force, and I had the opportunity to live in different places, including Germany.