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AHK GRADUATE PROGRAMME CASE STUDY: ANDRÉS MÉNDEZ

JOB TITLE: Operations Graduate

QUALIFICATION: Chemical Engineering

Andrés began his AHK journey in January 2022 as part of the Operations Graduate Programme in South America. Andrés programme has exposed him to the Operations across our entities - visiting Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico and Peru. Andrés works across several different departments, gaining knowledge of the varying business functions in order to understand AHK in its entirety.



ANDRÉS' AHK JOURNEY

I have now passed the 6 month mark in my AHK journey and have already had fantastic opportunities and experiences. My days are varied and dynamic as my role involves working across a variety of the company's departments, on a range of different projects. Some of the projects I have been engaged in recently include conducting research on different markets within Bolivia. In addition to this, I am working on a collaboration with AHK Ecuador which involves implementing new technology to digitalise and enhance the efficiency of key Operational procedures.

I have really enjoyed the opportunities to meet so many of the global network of employees, who are all from different walks of life. The programme includes lots of opportunities for both personal and professional growth - it is important that they both go hand in hand. I am very grateful to the whole team - for the continuous support and mentoring I receive.

The biggest highlight of the programme so far has been the opportunities to travel and network. My trip to Colombia - to experience the launch of the first ever operation in that country - was particularly memorable. I have also had the opportunity to live in three different cities within Bolivia, exploring areas outside of my hometown.

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ADVICE TO GRADUATES

My advice to graduates is to dream big, take risks and spend time visualising where you want to be in the future. It is important to take action in order to achieve your potential. I also advise graduates to apply to AHK's programmes without hesitation - it is an experience that will change your life!

