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### **100<sup>th</sup> software testing graduate passes through Edge Academy**

One of the UK's fastest growing and largest independent software testing companies, Edge Testing Solutions, part of Eurofins Digital Testing, has seen the 100<sup>th</sup> graduate successfully pass through its software testing education programme, Edge Academy.

The Academy, which Edge Testing set up in 2013, is a learning program that combines hands on experience with classroom based software testing training at Edge Testing's three office locations – Glasgow (Belshill), Birmingham and London.

Three times a year, candidates go through a rigorous selection process and, once accepted into the Edge Academy, are paired with experienced mentors to work on live client projects, either on client site or at one of the software testing company's Digital Test Hubs.

Accessible to a range of candidates, Edge Academy is typically a two year programme, though some candidates who excel early on are placed on the fast track one year course. The Academy attracts anyone interested in testing as a career, including school leavers with a passion for IT, graduates, graduate level apprentices and older career changers.

Former police officer, James McLean, completed his Edge Academy training 13 months ago. He is now a Test Lead and commented: "Edge Academy offers a shorter course with better quality training, which is hands on, working alongside experienced professionals. Thanks to Edge Academy, I have been given the skills to transform my 25 years in law enforcement and finding criminals into hunting down and fixing bugs and glitches in IT systems, programmes and apps."

Nadia McKay who is the Testing Services Director at Edge Testing and heads up recruitment said: "Through our Academy, we are building a pool of testers familiar with the latest tools and frameworks to ensure that our clients' products and services are released without any glitches. We are championing software testing as a dynamic career choice for trainees from various levels of experience and background, especially as we embrace new technologies."

Edge Academy is proving popular because each graduate is paid throughout the training and has a job at the end of the two years, so it's a proven career path. While the majority of candidates come in via Edge Testing's two-way training relationships with Scottish and Midlands universities, the first London based candidate was taken on earlier this year.

Nadia said: "As demand for our software testing services increases, Edge Academy graduates help ensure that we continue to be responsive to client needs with expert testers that can quickly be on client site."

Edge Testing, which has been awarded the highest level Gold status 'Investors in Young People' accreditation, already has strong relations with Scottish universities and encourages testing as an exciting, flexible and demanding career path. Now with the Digital Test Hub in Birmingham, the company has nine new trainee test analysts from Midlands universities coming through the Edge Academy programme.

Classroom based training includes preparation for ISTQB certification, fundamentals of software testing, understanding requirements and technical skills including programming and SQL.

The Academy is just a part of Edge Testing's continued growth, with a team of over 250 people. Now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year of trading, Edge has seen growth year-on-year and boasts some of the UK's premier testing thought leaders and experts in the industry.

For more information, visit: <http://www.edgetesting.co.uk/careers>  
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### **Company information**

Edge Testing, part of Eurofins Digital Testing, is a leading expert in providing world-class software testing solutions. The award winning company is typically engaged when organisations are implementing a new system or making significant changes to an existing system. We ensure systems are fast, secure, available and work as expected in an increasingly complex and distributed digital age.

We test back office systems, e-commerce sites and apps. We test accessing these from multiple devices including desktops, laptops, tablets, touchscreens and smartphones from our purpose built device lab.

Founded in 2007, Edge has grown to over 250 people and boasts some of the UK's premier testing thought leaders and experts. Our own Edge Academy has brought over 60 newcomers into the industry in the past two years.

The company, which is listed on the Sunday Times Hiscox Tech Track 100, has quickly built up an excellent reputation with an enviable client list across financial services, telecommunications and media, utilities, retail and the public sector

The first Digital Test Hub by Edge Testing was launched in Scotland 2013 to provide low-cost, on demand services to the digital industry – the first of its kind in the UK. In 2017, based on the success of the first one, a second Digital Test Hub opened in England.

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