National Grid
Laying the foundations for future success
National Grid connects people to the energy they use, safely. The company is at the heart of one of the greatest challenges facing our society - delivering clean energy to support our world long into the future. It works with stakeholders to promote the development and implementation of sustainable, innovative and affordable energy solutions.

THE CHALLENGE
Kelsey McClean, a Junior Project Manager at National Grid, was looking for a way to expand her skills and knowledge, and help to map out a career path once she has completed the company’s graduate training programme.

HOW MEMBERSHIP HELPED
Kelsey joined BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT, as an Associate in September 2010 as part of National Grid’s BCS Organisational Membership scheme. Since then, she has been able to rely on regular emails to notify her about everything from courses and changes in legislation to networking opportunities and targeted events.

Kelsey is also taking advantage of BCS mentors - just part of a comprehensive range of online resources - that enables her to benefit from the proven expertise of experienced IT practitioners. And, with a commitment to self-improvement, Kelsey has found the BCS Personal Development Plan an invaluable tool in helping her to assess her abilities, improve her skills, evaluate her career plan and determine her next move.

TEAM TALK
Being a member of BCS shows that I am passionate about my work and gives colleagues and customers the reassurance of knowing that they can expect a certain standard. It has definitely inspired me and contributed to my personal, as well as professional, development. BCS provides access to up-to-date information, which helps me to keep on top of what’s happening across the entire industry, such as new technology and trends, so I have a much wider perspective than I might have had otherwise. Plus, there is opportunity to attend events where not only can I gain valuable insight, but I also get the chance to meet other professionals. One of the best resources is the BCS Personal Development Plan. It has opened my eyes to the range of career choices. I have a clear idea about where I can go from here because I am so much more informed and this makes me feel confident about taking the next step.

Kelsey McClean,
Junior Project Manager National Grid