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“The University of Birmingham is one of the few universities in the UK to offer a postgraduate degree focusing on procurement that is also accredited by the UK’s Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS).”

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Since leaving university I have taken on a new career opportunity at Google. This has provided experience of procurement within a completely different industry - prior to this I was working in the pharmaceutical industry. Moving to the internet industry has presented a welcome supply of new challenges and learning experiences.

Doing an MBA has also allowed me to greatly expand my professional network. Working for a relatively young and rapidly expanding company is demanding and challenging but also great fun. There is a constant flow of new and exciting projects so I am always learning something new and interacting with new areas of the business.



### Why Birmingham Business School?

The university provided an excellent learning experience. The modules provided me with extensive knowledge and an invaluable set of tools. Aside from formal teaching, the university also presented the opportunity for genuine sharing of experiences across sectors, industries and cultures.

“The experience has greatly increased my overall understanding of business and has allowed me to increase my effectiveness as a Procurement professional.”

### Challenges

Studying for an MBA part-time whilst also working full time is challenging and requires a lot of dedication and good time management.

### Tips and advice

I would encourage students to take the opportunity to learn as much from your fellow students as you do from the teaching staff and to really build up a strong network of people that you can reach out to in the future.

My fondest memories are of the people I was fortunate enough to meet whilst studying at the University. I was able to interact with a diverse range of students from across the globe, which has not only given me a strong professional network but also a great set of friends.

### Find out more

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