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I am currently working for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia as a Junior Diplomat. The best thing about what I am doing now is exploring the practicality of my own country's foreign policy and knowing the process of its decision-making. I also enjoy being able to contribute my own ideas into policy planning.

I was attracted to apply to the University of Birmingham because of the practicality of the subjects it offers; the university ambiance, and the city, which I felt was conducive for an intensive period of study. I would recommend the University because of the campus and location; it is a self contained and fairly secluded location, which encourages studying but also provides a lively 'university life'.

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I found my University degree was helpful in finding employment. I worked as a summer analyst at Investment banking of Citibank Jakarta once I graduated and I believe that one of the modules on the programme, Political Risk Analysis, helped me to better understand the business world and the impact of political factors.