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How have you got where you are today, from your student days?

During my final year in my MSci degree at the University of Birmingham, I applied for graduate schemes in Investment Banks. I applied for internships in my penultimate year, so I spent 10 weeks during the summer at ABN AMRO – Equity Derivatives trading. The dynamic atmosphere, the meritocratic nature, opportunities and experience of working with some of the most highly talented individuals in the city of London, are just some of the things that attracted me.

What were the best things about the education that you received at Birmingham?

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How did your time at Birmingham influence your career path? Did it do so directly or indirectly?

For me my career must be challenging, and allow me to take on responsibility - so I can really see my future shaping into success. I am extremely determined, and have set ambitions and goals which I must reach for self-satisfaction, and this brings on criteria of my workplace being a meritocratic environment. The careers service provided at the University was great in helping me shape my future.

Other than your qualification in your subject area, what other skills do you think your time at Birmingham developed?

As well as education the University enabled me to divulge beyond academia and took part in a 2 month Work America scheme, which I feel really shaped my personality and boosted my confidence – something paramount in the world of Investment Banking. I love to keep myself active, and I was constantly engaged in things that are totally the opposite of what I was studying. I was part of a dance group, dance to different styles, including Hip hop, Bollywood and belly dancing.

In what way did living and studying in Birmingham live up to your expectations?

The social life and opportunities available at the University enable students to gain the transferable skills they'll use throughout their lives

What advice would you give to current students studying on your degree programme?

Ensure you research the career you want to enter thoroughly – experience the environment and network with others in the career so you can make the best decision – for the most important step in your life.

What are your memories of student social life?

One word...UNFORGETTABLE!

What were your expectations of the City of Birmingham and how did your expectations of the City match your experience?

I come from a very small town in Leicester – so Birmingham was a great step up from here just before entering London! The fast paced and hectic lifestyle is something I thrive on now!