

Alumni profiles - Alastair McClory

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What are your career experiences since graduating from the University of Birmingham?

After graduating I worked in the NHS at Blackpool Victoria hospital and I was performing cardiac tests on patients. After a year there I moved to Aston University where I was involved in a joint KTP (Knowledge Transfer Partnership) collaboration with Salts Healthcare. Here I was instrumental in driving forward various projects. After this KTP scheme, I was employed by Salts Healthcare and still continue to project manage a variety of research projects and have heavy interactions with patients

What is the best thing about what you are doing now?

The variety, using my degree in the job, the interaction with patients, the interaction with company directors and stakeholders.

What was the best thing about your time as a student here?

Great city, great nightlife and not too expensive (if it compared to such things as London)

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

Didn't have any preconceptions about Birmingham so surpassed them in all aspects!!!

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

Investigate a year out possibility (year in research). This will ensure that you have an advantage on other students!! And will earn you a bit of money as well!!

How did you grow as a person by coming to University? Did it change your life in any way?

I have met some brilliant friends at University that I will keep in contact with for the rest of my life, it has given me a great career and the option of continuing to live in a great city (which I have taken up). I wouldn't say it has changed my life but given me a slightly better way of life had I not managed to obtain a degree at this University.