


## Alumni profiles - Alastair McClory

Biomedical Materials Science (2006)

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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.