

## Alumni profiles - Hannah Winter

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

Since I graduated from Birmingham Medical School in 2001 I have loved working! There are so many opportunities in Medicine and the work is hugely rewarding. I wanted to do surgery from an undergraduate and luckily managed to get a surgical training placement as a core trainee in the West Midlands. I passed my MRCS exam last year and am now a member of the Royal College of Surgeons. I love teaching and do so at every opportunity! I am a personal mentor for some of the students at Birmingham University and am doing a Masters in Surgical Education. I will be applying for registrar jobs in February this year.

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

Surgery is great fun. The work itself is exceptionally interesting and stimulating and the team-work in the theatre environment is great. The learning never stops and there are always new and exciting things to do.

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

The student union! I met so many friends at Birmingham University who will be friends for life, including my fiancé! The medschool has a great atmosphere and there are so many opportunities outside of studying with sports, music, drama and many more.

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

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

Work hard and play hard! The studying can sometimes be overwhelming, but make the most of your years at University. They are some of the best years of my life!

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

University opens so many doors. I still relive so many memories from my time at Birmingham University. For many, including me, it is the first time away from home and in that sense University prepares you for much more than graduating with a degree.