



Doctoral Researcher in Civil Engineering, Risk & Asset Management in Railways

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Masters Careers Online Case Study

Masters programme, year of graduation and current role

MSc Civil Engineering and Management (graduated in 2014). My current role is a PhD Researcher in Civil Engineering at the University of Birmingham.

How has your Masters prepared you and given you relevant transferable skills for your current role?

One of the modules of my MSc course – Risk Management Practices around the World- inspired me to take my career choice. The Master's gave me an in-depth knowledge of both technical and management aspects of civil engineering; something that I was looking for. It taught me time management skills, professionalism and working efficiently with a group. Indeed, it has helped me in my research skills which are of the utmost importance while pursuing a PhD.

What support have you had to help you make the move from your Masters to your job?

I was immensely supported by the Careers Network. I have been to the Careers Network a couple of times to talk about my CV, my future career prospects, and they have been really helpful. I also got tips on applying for jobs alongside attending workshops and seminars which were quite helpful. My personal tutors and course-coordinator in the School of Civil Engineering were always there to support.

Please add any tips or advice for postgraduates looking to enter the job market.

My top tip for Masters students would be to stay focused and look for inspiration because there are plenty of opportunities available out there. The jobs market is always about making you stand out from the crowd. Transferable skills and the mind-set to 'unlearn and re-learn' would definitely set you apart. Indeed, it is all about hard work which eventually pays off! So, never stop applying for jobs, attending fairs and meeting employers.