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PHD STUDENT

RESEARCH, CANCER AND IMMUNOLOGY, CANCER VACCINES

"I love that research is like discovering new pieces in a puzzle and trying to figure out where exactly they fit."

Academic profile

Degree

BSc Hons Medical Genetics

Post grad

MRes Biomedical Sciences

Qualification/achievement you are most proud of

Being a youth ambassador for a charity called Open Doors

Subjects you enjoyed at school

science, english, art

Career Summary

I have always enjoyed science as I found it fascinating. Although I wanted to become a cardiologist most of my life, work experience in the hospital and open days at universities helped me see that I enjoyed being in the lab more than in a clinical setting so I decided to study Medical Genetics at university. I eventually decided to do my PhD in cancer research as I was blown away by how little we know about how our bodies respond to cancer. I did not set out to be a scientist, but each decision I made was driven by was I found most exciting and that has led me to where I am today.

I am a research student in the Cancer Sciences Unit at Southampton. My research focuses on developing treatments vaccines that can be used to train a patient's immune system to fight against cancer. My job helps me appreciate how complex our bodies are,

Describe your job

What inspired you?

Even from an early age (much to my mum's dismay!) I loved growing fungi and bacteria in my room to try and identify it, so science has always been the subject that most excited me. One of my greatest inspirations was Dr. Rosaline Franklin – a scientist whose work was instrumental in discovering the structure of DNA.

Did you know .....

No two cancers are the same, therefore personalising treatments to suit each individual's cancer is the most effective option.

Top tip

It's ok to not know what you want to do. Take a step in the direction of what excites you most and you will end up where you are meant to be.

Best thing about my job

I love conducting tests to see if my vaccines have successfully trained immune cells.

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