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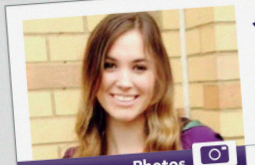

Jessica

Degree: BSc Textiles

Job title: Trainee Embroidery Designer

Employer: Alexander McQueen

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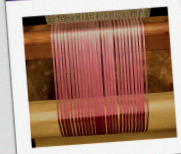

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My background:
Before studying at Loughborough, I completed a foundation year at Wimbledon College of Art in London, which cemented my love of textiles. I chose to study Textiles at Loughborough as I knew it was an exceptional course and the University had won the student experience award for a number of years running. Loughborough gave me the best memories and the best platform for my career as a young designer.

My current employer:
Since graduation, I have exhibited with Texprint 2014 in London and Paris, with 24 selected new graduates from Bachelors and Masters courses across the country. I am currently working as a Trainee Embroidery Designer at Alexander McQueen.

How I achieved this:
Loughborough selects students for a graduate exhibition called New Designers each year, where new graduates exhibit their work with their fellow peers. My work was seen at New Designers and I was invited to work with Alexander McQueen.

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Jamie

Degree: BSc Construction Engineering Management

Job title: Project Manager

Employer: AECOM

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Experience

My background:
Before university, I decided to travel South-East Asia as a break between studies. I chose Loughborough due to its strong links with the construction industry and realised the work placements offered would boost the depth of my CV.

My current employer:
I am currently working as a Project Manager at AECOM, a global construction consultancy. I manage two projects, a high-end residential development in Kensington and an education facility in Battersea. I am looking to become chartered with the CIOB in 2016, something which was heavily encouraged during my time at university.

How I achieved this:
My placements with a main contractor allowed me to view the different roles and responsibilities of professionals who were involved in the construction and development process. I gained crucial site experience and knowledge of not just the theory, but what happens on site. Through speaking to other industry professionals I realised a career in project management was for me and so researched, applied and accepted a job at AECOM.

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Claire

Degree: MEng Chemical Engineering

Job title: Design Engineer

Employer: ExxonMobil

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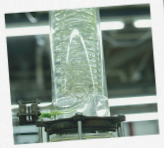

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ExxonMobil

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Experience

My background:
I studied Maths, Further Maths, Biology, Chemistry and Physics at A Level because I knew that I wanted to have a career in science but I didn't know what I wanted to specialise in. I chose Loughborough because of the good reputation of the department, the opportunities available for industrial experience and my love of sport.

My current employer:
I'm now employed by Esso Petroleum Company, Limited (an ExxonMobil subsidiary) and work for an affiliate company at Fawley Refinery where we produce the fuel required for 1 in 6 cars in the UK. I am based in the projects department within the engineering and research business as a design engineer.

How I achieved this:
I worked for GlaxoSmithKline for a year on a manufacturing site which produces a range of active ingredients for various medications. This experience gave me the opportunity to apply what I had learnt in a lecture theatre into real life and really helped to improve my understanding of chemical engineering. I learnt a lot regarding operating the plant and gained invaluable knowledge that can't be taught in the classroom!

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Natalie

Degree: BSc Psychology

Job title: Social Researcher

Employer: Office of National Statistics

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Office for National Statistics

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Experience

My background:
At sixth form, I studied Psychology, French, Product Design and ICT. Psychology was my favourite A Level and the career prospects are very varied, which is why I chose to pursue it to degree level. During my time at Loughborough, I took part in lots of Rag events, including climbing to Everest base camp and dogsledding around the Arctic. I also learned to scuba dive with LSUSAC (the sub-aqua club).

My current employer:
I am working as a Social Researcher for the Office of National Statistics. My current role is involved with the future design of the census.

How I achieved this:
Throughout my degree, most of my favourite modules were those that focussed on research and analysis and I really enjoyed having the opportunity to design, conduct and analyse my own research during my final year project. I also completed a clinical placement year in a mental health organisation and particularly enjoyed getting involved in research. It was this experience that helped me secure my role in The Civil Service. I knew it would be an excellent opportunity as it has a very clear career path for social researchers and offers lots of opportunities to develop in different areas.

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