

A 'DAY IN THE LIFE OF...'



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Adelphi in three words:
Challenging Varied International

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After finishing university I didn't really know which direction to go in. I had originally thought that I'd be interested in lab-based research, but after completing a lab-based project in my final year at university, decided the lab wasn't for me! Despite this, I was still keen to pursue a career that was relevant to my degree and that's when I came across Adelphi, advertised at my university careers fair. I successfully joined the Adelphi Group in September 2008.

As a Senior Research Manager in the Patient-Centered Outcomes team, I lead the development of clinical outcome assessments (COAs) for use in clinical trials, both for the purposes of supporting product labelling claims and for communication. On a day-to-day basis, this involves managing the activities of the research team, be it the qualitative analysis of interview transcripts, conduct of literature reviews, or the preparation of manuscripts and posters for conferences - to mention just a few activities! As the project lead, I am also responsible for liaising with clients and keeping projects within the agreed timeline, scope, and budget.

When choosing a career, I believe it's important to choose a job that's challenging, has variety, and gives you the opportunity to continue learning. And of course, it's important to enjoy it since you spend more time at work than anywhere else! Adelphi comes across as a very 'friendly' company which makes it an enjoyable place to work. In addition, it's given me the chance to develop new skills, learn about new diseases, and work with a variety of different pharmaceutical clients. One of my favourite activities at Adelphi Values is conducting qualitative interviews with patients, as this gives a real insight into diseases which I previously knew nothing about.

After working in the Adelphi Values UK office for a couple of years, I had the opportunity to transfer to the Adelphi Values Boston office in the US, where the majority of the qualitative interviews for our projects are conducted. I've been here for six years now, and have travelled to Philadelphia, New Orleans, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Miami, combining my love of travel with the job! Other than travel, I enjoy hiking and sailing in the summer, and snowboarding in the winter!

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