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Job title: Equity research analyst (Chemicals)

Current employer: Redburn

Course studied at UCL: Biochemistry

What is the core purpose of your role (and typical activities)?

Performing industrial and company specific analysis to provide stock recommendations and supporting the 'buy side'/investors.

Typical activities include: Financial modelling, industrial research, data analysis, reporting writing, pitching ideas to clients.

What kind of person would this role suit?

An all-rounder; someone that enjoys numbers, data mining/analysis, problem solving. But also, enjoys the interpersonal aspects of work e.g. strong communicator, enjoys meeting new people.

Embraces challenges, demonstrates curiosity and being inquisitive. For instance, wants to understand and learn how things operate e.g. the main drivers of growth for companies, what drives the company share price.

What kind of people and clients do you work with?

Internally, experienced seniors who have in depth industry and company knowledge across various commercial sectors. Most have had experience previously working in investment banks, accounting big 4, or in their respective industry fields.

Exposure to senior management from listed companies.

Clients include various investor types e.g. institutional investors, sovereign wealth funds, hedge funds etc.

What aspects of your degree and time at University do you feel were of particular benefit in securing work and in carrying out your current responsibilities?

Primarily the soft skills that were developed during university, which should not be underestimated. Whether that is through the degree or society activities e.g. presentations, reporting writing (e.g. final year project), team projects. Analytical skills developed from a science degree is transferable.

Do you have any top tips for current students who may be interested in your career area?

Stay open minded on what career options are out there. Explore your interests and whether that is the financial markets, I would advise you to keep on top of what's going on around the world; news, politics, what's driving the stock market.

Shadow cover specific companies that are of your interest e.g. creating a proxy equity portfolio.