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Job title: Product License Support Manager

Current employer: Pfizer

Course studied at UCL: MSc Pharmaceuticals

What is the core purpose of your role and its typical activities? What are the goals of your organization?

The core purpose of my role is to ensure clinical trial related documents can meet the standard and requirement of the regulatory authority, by collecting, reviewing and approving documents based on ICH-GCP and Pfizer SOP, etc.

What sort of person would this role suit?

People who are interested in regulations and clinical trials application.

What are the best aspects of your work and what are the most challenging?

The best part is you can gain the understanding of regulations in drug development process, and always keep it up to date. The most challenging part is that lots of paperwork can make you tired and bored sometimes.

What kind of people and clients do you work with?

Mostly, work with colleagues in our organization, including upstream and downstream colleagues. We also work with third party partners by email communication.

How did you get to where you are now? Are there typical 'entry' routes into your profession for new graduates? Are additional qualifications desirable or required?

During the time looking for a job, I identified my preference in regulatory paperwork by reading through different job descriptions on the internet. Before the interview, I gained some background knowledge about regulations, and get a better understanding by talking to friends who work in this area. Graduates can have an opportunity in this position as long as you are willing to learn.

This position prefers people with these qualifications:

- Aptitude in problem solving and logistics
- Knowledge of the drug development process, regulatory affairs
- Ability to quickly learn and use new software, regulations and quality standards

On reflection, what aspects of your UCL degree do you feel were of particular benefit in securing graduate work and in carrying out your current responsibilities?

As a graduate from world-famous university, you would be competitive in seeking jobs from international companies. Especially, if working in a global team, people with excellent English skills are preferred in the job market.

How should current students go about getting the necessary skills and practical experience to help them with their future applications to your sector?

Internship would be very helpful.

Do you have any final advice for current students?

Applying for internship when available, which could help you know about different areas and plan your career in advance.