



## Fareha Nagi

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### Getting into industry

After completing her degree, Fareha Nagi wasn't sure what role she wanted to go into, but she was certain that she didn't want to work in a lab. *'I started my career as a Global Trials Assistant for Roche, as part of my sandwich degree, and the role suited me due to its location and responsibilities.'*

After graduation, Fareha moved into clinical research. She started working as a Junior Clinical Research Associate for Novella Clinical, helping staff in hospitals and clinics adhere to clinical trial protocols. After progressing to a Senior CRA, she decided to move into a more global role within health-care company Allergan to work as a Principal Study Management Associate.

*'My next move was to go into Study Management in GlaxoSmithKline, working as a Regional Study Manager. I was mainly responsible for clinical trials across Europe, but over time I took on additional responsibilities for several regions and started working as a Global Study Manager.'*

### Sandwich year support

It was Fareha's sandwich year that provided the insight which set her on her current career path and she

recommends making the most of a year in industry. *'Your sandwich year gives you a real insight into the industry, what you want to do and what you don't want to do. I don't think that I would be at this current stage in my career had I not worked during my sandwich degree.'*

Her degree also continues to be useful today, by providing Fareha with a grounding of clinical trials, the body and drug interaction. *'While I don't use knowledge from my degree every day, it really helps when reading and writing clinical trials protocol and related documents.'*

### Future plans

Fareha's current position is a result of her previous experience in the clinical world. She was keen for a new challenge and this role provided her with the perfect opportunity for a change. *'I provide guidance on good clinical practice for clinical trials to doctors, researchers and colleagues within the pharmaceutical industry.'*

In the future, Fareha is keen to continue progressing within her current department, learning more about good clinical practice and other quality assurance functions. *'As well as developing my career, I'd love the opportunity to work abroad at some stage.'*



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