

Case Study: Alumni

Becky, Petroleum Geology (MSc)

Graduation Year: 2002

Job Title: Training and Staffing Manager

Employer: Schlumberger

Department: Data and Consulting Services (DCS)



What has been your career path up until now?

I applied to join Schlumberger while doing my Master in Petroleum Geology at Imperial College, London. The company caught my eye as they offered a wide range of careers and opportunities. I started with the Schlumberger Drilling and Measurements (D&M) group in the North Sea in January 2003 and began working offshore as Measurements while Drilling (MWD) Engineer. Working offshore was not quite what I expected; I was so nervous when I went to the rig for the first time but to my surprise I absolutely loved it and found it to be a challenging and rewarding working environment. I learnt so many things while working offshore, not only related to the technical aspects of my job but also about how to deal with difficult and unexpected situations. During my time with D&M I was promoted to a Logging while Drilling (LWD) Engineer and was given the opportunity to cross train to a Well Placement Engineer. This was a move in a very different direction.

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My new role involved sitting in a client's office advising them on how to most effectively drill a well and also interpreting data from the rig site in real-time. This could be quite intense at times but also very exciting. I moved to the Schlumberger Data and Consulting Services (DCS) group in September 2006 and continued to develop my skills as a Well Placement Engineer. In September 2008 it was time for a complete change as I moved to my current position in Paris.

What does your job involve?

I now work as a Training and Staffing Manager for DCS covering Europe, Caspian and North and West Africa. I am responsible for ensuring my population gets the right training and development that they need. I really enjoy visiting the different locations and speaking with people on a one to one basis.

Do you use skills that you obtained during your Imperial course?

I have really enjoyed working for a company that allows you to think on your feet, make difficult decisions and work independently from an early stage in your career. The dynamic work environment at Schlumberger is fast-paced but very rewarding. I know I made the right decision for my career when I joined Schlumberger.

