University of Sheffield PhD graduates – career story videos

Do you have a PhD from the University of Sheffield? Are you willing to share your career story with researchers who are exploring their career options? Would you like others to learn from or be inspired by your experiences and choices? Could a £100 prize voucher incentivise you to get involved?

I want to highlight the diverse range of career paths that PhD graduates pursue. The aim is to show how broad the options and opportunities are and the many routes that PhD graduates take throughout their career.

To do this, I am asking our Sheffield PhD graduates to create a 3 minute video case study by answering some questions, filming your answers using a smartphone or tablet and uploading your film to the Graduate Case Study resource on the Careers Service website. Guidelines on how to do all aspects of this are provided.

You don’t need to do anything more technical or time consuming than that, unless you want to, in which case please be as creative as you like! Some of our contributors are using a free app, Adobe Spark, to make it easier to record answers to questions and add short film clips, photos or slides to the audio. I’ve written some simple instructions on using this app but you can use whatever you like.

To start the process visit the Graduate Case Studies page on the Careers Service website. Click on Graduates – input or edit a case study followed by input a case study and follow the instructions to create a login and register. You will then be sent email instructions about what to do next, including what questions to answer. The questions cover what you do, how you got into it, what your role involves, what you like most and what is more challenging, how your career could progress and hints and tips you would pass on to those interested in working in your field. Our Graduate Case Studies resource also includes written case studies but I am focusing on videos for this project, so please choose this option.

If you know other PhD graduates from the University of Sheffield who might be interested in this, please encourage them to take part, forward this information to them or pass their details on to me and I will contact them directly.

Thank you for contributing and sharing your experiences and advice. It is much appreciated. The competition will run for 3 months after which all the entries will be judged. I am also hoping to showcase the winners and runners up at events happening across the year.

If you would like to discuss this further, need further information, or just want to tell me you will take part, please contact me.

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