

AHK Graduate Programme Case Study: Charlotte Cox



Name:
Charlotte Cox
Job Title:
Graduate Chemist
Qualification:
BSc Medicinal Chemistry

Charlotte began her AHK journey in March 2020 within the Graduate Chemist Programme. As a Graduate Chemist Charlotte supports the technical development of AHK's global analytical services. Her responsibilities include auditing the AHK's laboratory services, identifying repetitive technical problems, providing technical advice and support, and assisting the technical teams with ongoing initiatives.

Charlotte's AHK Journey

Since joining AHK, I've commenced on a 2 year development programme which is allowing me to train in the major laboratories on a rotational basis. The laboratory training has been a big highlight of my time here so far, as it has provided me with extensive learning opportunities and exposed me to a huge range of analytical techniques and instrumentation. It also allows me to gain the prerequisite skills I need to be an integral part of the Overseas Technical Team. Since joining I have also had the opportunity to partake in external training sessions which have allowed me to develop the knowledge base required to be an analytical chemist.

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Advice to Graduates

I would recommend starting to look into your postgraduate career as early as possible, this will allow you time to really evaluate all the different pathways and look at which direction is right for you. This will also save you a lot of stress during the busy period towards the end of your degree. Try not to worry about your first steps after university too much, any experience you can gain will help you towards your end goal in some way, the right opportunity will usually come around.

I would advise any graduate applying to AHK to personalise their development programme as much as possible. Take the time in the first few months to work out your strengths and areas of interest, as AHK are both flexible and encouraging in allowing you to pursue/further develop your knowledge in the areas that you enjoy. This really gives you the scope to take your career where you'd like it to go.

