

**Name:** Emma Lowe

**Age:** 25



## **Background:**

Emma grew up in the Breckon Beacons, North Wales. She studied A-Levels in Chemistry, Biology and Sociology, and AS Level Textiles. After her A-Levels Emma went to Manchester Metropolitan University to study a one-year Foundation course in Biological Sciences. This course is a good idea if you want to do a Science-based degree and haven't done Science A-Levels. Emma did this course because she wasn't sure which degree she wanted to do. Part way through the year she swapped to Biomedical Sciences and stayed at University for three more years to finish her degree (BSc. Biomedical Sciences).

## **What sort of work do you do?**

I am a Research Technician in one of the laboratories in the Manchester Medical School. My job is to manage the day-to-day running of the lab. There are several people doing research projects on cells in the lab. I make sure that we always have enough of the chemicals and equipment that they need. I also help out with experiments.

## **What do you like about it?**

My job is very varied, so I'm not doing the same thing all day. I work with a lot of different people like the cleaners, sales people from chemical companies, PhD students and professors. I wouldn't like to do a job where I was at a desk all day.

## **What's the worst bit?**

Sometimes experiments need checking in the evening or at the weekend, so you have to be flexible about the hours you work. If I work at the weekend I get time off during the week instead. The pay is OK, but not particularly high.

## **What do you want to do in the future?**

I am planning to do a Masters degree here in the laboratory. Improving my qualifications will help me move up to a higher pay scale.