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I am a research technician for the marine science group in the School of Geographical and Earth Sciences at the University of Glasgow and a PhD student. As a research technician I help design and run experiments to understand the effects of a changing world on the marine environment.

### **What my job entails:**

I am in charge of equipment and training people in the lab and the field- we do research in coastal waters.

### **How I got into my job:**

I got into this job from studying Environmental Chemistry at university and getting lots of experience working in a laboratory. I chose the course because it had lots of practical classes and field work like a lot of Geoscience courses. I contacted a research lab after my final year of undergraduate to do a paid internship which gave me a taste of working in a research laboratory. After this, I studied for a master's in Water Science to learn in detail about terrestrial and marine environments. This got me interested in climate change and its effects on the environment.

### **What I like about my job:**

I particularly like working in geoscience because the subject is so relevant to society. It is central to understanding and tackling climate change issues and mapping out a sustainable future for the planet. To keep working in research I took the next step and started a PhD part time at Glasgow, researching the ways we can look at climate in the geological past. I started my job part way through the PhD and have been doing both for 4 years now, it'll take me longer to get my PhD but I enjoy the varied experiences and skills I am gaining as I work and study.