

BEng Biomedical Materials Science and Engineering

Editorial Executive at Oil & Gas UK

“I write news stories, edit publications (magazines and reports), review design work and plan newsletters and social media schedules.”



## What are your favourite and least favourite aspects of your job?

Favourite: receiving the final product of your work (magazine/report/flyers etc.) or seeing major media outlets picking up something you've worked on.  
Least favourite: chasing people (often colleagues) for content!

## Why did you choose Queen Mary?

It's well-known for its engineering department, and it's in London so I didn't need to live on campus.

## How did your time at Queen Mary prepare you for work?

The technical knowledge has been very useful in understanding some of the terms that we write about as I have to explain these complex terms in plain English. And, believe it or not, the analytical work prepared me for the endless investigations that have to be carried out to ensure the facts and figures we're putting out are accurate.

## Did you encounter any difficulties securing this job, and how did you get over them?

No difficulties. However, I didn't think I'd get the role as my background wasn't in journalism, but I drew on my technical knowledge from my course at Queen Mary and my previous job. Prior to this role, I worked in Sheffield in materials science (mainly metals engineering) and developed an interest in

## What can current students do to prepare for getting a job in your area?

Hone your writing skills and don't dismiss job opportunities outside of London (particularly for engineering roles).

## Share one or more of your favourite memories of your time at Queen Mary

The chocolate blind taste testing in the lessons on surface topography. Who knew there was so much science behind chocolate. And as a result, I've liked dark chocolate ever since!