



Name:
George

Job title:
Research Governance Manager

What do I do:
I make sure that the research taking place at the Wellcome Sanger Institute is ethical.

My career highlights



What do I enjoy most about my job?

I enjoy how varied it is, with every day posing new challenges and opportunities, but most of all I enjoy being able to say I help make a difference.

What was my favourite subject at school?

Having to say no is one of the most challenging things parts of the role. There are times in my role where I have to tell researchers that samples they want to use cannot be used for what they have in mind. Its often best to provide a solution rather than a problem, a different way forward.

Skills I use in my job :



Problem Solving

Providing advice and support to researchers on how best to obtain the samples they need for their work.



Teamwork

Sharing workload amongst the team to enable balance and provide the best support we can to researchers.



Communication

Writing an application for ethical approval in a way that communicates exactly what researchers want to do in plain English.



Analysis

Analysing changes in the law in order to assess how it could impact internal policy.

My top tips for students wanting a career in genomics:

- Do what you enjoy and you will find you are better at it and will find the time you need to practice.
- With the above in mind, occasionally put yourself out of your comfort zone and don't be afraid to try new things.
- Don't feel to have to be sure about your future, things have a way of working themselves out.

What's next in my career?

Building up my team and having more time to focus on policy and the changing regulatory environment.

