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During the second year of my PhD (out of four), I undertook my professional internship for PhD Students (PIPS) placement with GSK (GlaxoSmithKline) a global healthcare company. More specifically, I was within the Discovery Partnerships with Academia (DPAc) team, in the alternative drug discovery department of GSK at Stevenage, UK. The DPAc team collaborates with researchers in academia in order to undertake early drug discovery and translate early-stage research into medicines that will benefit patients.

The main objective of my placement was to identify universities and research groups in new

## Top Tips for other PhD students?

Have a rough idea where you would like to undertake your placement, but be flexible on the exact type of role.

Start early with the placement search. It takes longer than you would expect to find a possible placement role, especially if you are sourcing the placement yourself.