

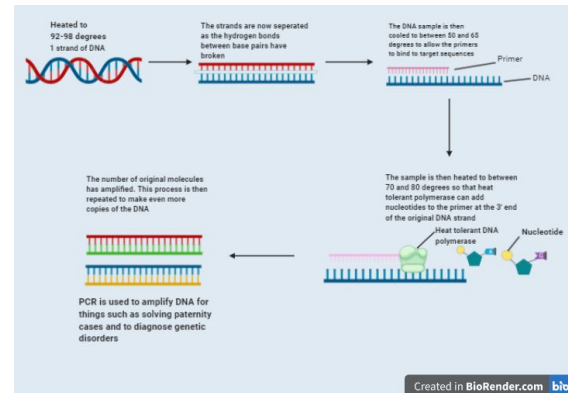
Dundee University Life Sciences Work Experience

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What did I learn during this experience?

- I learned about many things during this experience including the treatment of animals in research, information about the life science subjects and genetically modified crops. At first I didn't think that I would enjoy learning about things such as GM crops, but by doing research about each of these subjects to create a poster/powerpoint, I learned that I actually found these things very interesting and has encouraged me to learn more about the different topics.
- I also had the opportunity to learn how to use the website BioRender to create posters about different science topics. The image below is a basic poster that I made about the steps of PCR.



What surprised me?

- I was quite surprised to learn that some of the researchers at the university didn't initially plan to become researchers and had different plans for what they were going to do as a career. This made me feel reassured about my future, as I had met many people that went through different experiences and ended up having a career in research.
- I was also surprised about how much I enjoyed this experience as a whole. Before starting the week, I thought that I would be learning about topics that I wasn't really interested in. However, even on the first day of the work experience, I realised that I was quite interested in all of the topics that were covered and found the information that was provided by researchers and postgraduates to be extremely helpful.

Did it give me any new ideas about my future study and career?

- This experience made me realise that I might want to pursue a career in scientific research and has also encouraged me to really consider Dundee University as a university that I might attend in the future.
- By getting to talk to students, staff and researchers at the university, I have also gotten a better idea of what subjects/areas of science I want to study at university.

Did it leave me with any questions?

- This experience has left me with a few questions about my future. These questions include what subject I would want to do at university and what career I would like to do in the future.
- I don't have many other questions as I felt like they were all answered at the Q&A sessions that were held throughout the whole week.

What did I think of the experience overall?

- Overall, I found this experience extremely informative and insightful due to being able to ask specific questions to students, postgraduates and researchers. The activities that we did during the week were also interesting and encouraged me to find out more information about the wide range of topics that were covered in the activities.