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Natasha at her internship at FuturePump

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During my studies I had been involved in a range of projects trying to find ways for early career scientists to maximise the impact of their research in the wider world. For my internship, I wanted to approach this principle from a commercial perspective. Through PINES I found the perfect opportunity at Futurepump Ltd, a company that manufactures a solar powered water pump for smallholder farmers to use for irrigation.

I applied for a 3 month internship doing fundraising and research. My role within the organisation was wide-ranging, involving many different tasks and challenges: I wrote grant applications and articles; designed infographics and storyboards; assisted with technical understanding and talking to potential partners. This experience made me realise just how valuable the skills I've picked during my PhD actually are. Before I embarked on the PhD, I wouldn't have had the same attention to detail, the confidence to discuss my ideas and ability to synthesis complex information, which have proven incredibly valuable in supporting my tasks.

I find the PhD is quite an isolating experience and it's been incredibly refreshing to be working as part of a team towards a common goal. I will definitely consider pursuing something like this as a future career.

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