



Project Delivery



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Tell us a little bit about yourself. Are you a recent graduate? Or were you seeking a career change?

While I found the problem-solving aspects of my Chemistry degree enjoyable, I began to feel less excited about the repetitive nature of lab work. This led me to re-assess my options and explore other avenues to leverage my analytical skills. Recognising the potential to make meaningful changes on a broader scale through the Civil Service and policy-making, I decided to shift my focus from the lab to a career that supports the government in delivering impactful projects that benefit society.

What attracted you to the Civil Service Fast Stream programme and this particular stream?

The Project Delivery scheme offered the chance to make real and impactful contributions to some of the world's most innovative and intricate projects. Whether it's delivering major government events, enhancing healthcare facilities, or pioneering cutting-edge digital trade services, the opportunity to be part of these endeavours was incredibly appealing.

Tell us about your Civil Service Fast Stream experience. What kind of projects have you been involved in?

In my first posting, I worked in the Commonwealth Games team at the Department for Culture Media and Sport (DCMS). As the lead government department, we helped to streamline visa processes and broker free healthcare for international teams. We also drafted new legislation to protect the rights of sponsors, minimise road closures and ban illegal ticket touting.

Is a STEM degree beneficial to working in the Civil Service?

Although I haven't worked on a scientific project yet, I know transferable skills from my STEM degree will be very useful for my career. Our analytical and problem-solving skills enable us to understand complex issues like healthcare, climate change and infrastructure, and we can use our technological literacy to provide innovative solutions and evidence-based recommendations.

What has been your experience on the Civil Service Fast Stream in terms of Diversity and Inclusion?

During my time on the Fast Stream, I had the opportunity to be an activity manager and mentor to Summer Internship Programme (SIP) interns. SIP provides a valuable chance for individuals from diverse backgrounds to experience the Civil Service and contribute to real policies and projects. My interns enjoyed their placements, which boosted their confidence and social networks, inspiring them to apply for a career here. It was fulfilling to witness their growth, and I highly recommend SIP to anyone interested in exploring public service while making a meaningful impact.

What is your ultimate aim or career ambition?

After completing the Fast Stream, my ambition is to engage in impactful project work while striving towards senior leadership roles within the Civil Service. I have a keen interest in humanitarian aid, global health and wildlife conservation. My aspiration is to make a meaningful contribution to these areas on an international scale, leveraging the latest technology and innovations (such as AI and robotics) to drive positive change and address pressing world challenges.