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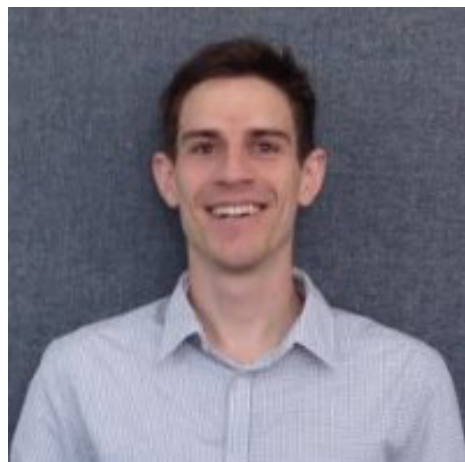
Country of Origin: Germany

Degree: PhD, Chemistry

Graduation Date: December 2015

Employer: Dow Chemical Company

Position: Senior Chemist



What do you do in your current position?

I help develop new products, such as safer insulation and new paints. I also help diagnose and solve problems with new products that are under development. I use the same analytical chemistry techniques (HPLC and GC-MS) that I used as a graduate student.

How did you find your position?

Through on-campus recruitment.

Which career services did you find helpful at UW-Madison?

Engineering Career Services was very helpful. Company visits to campus can also be fruitful.

Other than your degree, what skills or experience made you competitive in the US job market?

I had internship experience both before and during graduate school and I co-authored research papers on topics directly relevant to the positions to which I applied.

What advice do you have for current international students?

I highly recommend getting practical experience through internships while a student. I also recommend volunteering in the local community. Lastly, I think it is very important for us international students to attain true proficiency in spoken English. An accent that makes somebody's English hard to understand might significantly diminish her/his chances to both get a job and advance after getting a job.

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