**Maha Ashraf**

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I am a final year Biomedical Science student, currently completed the IBMS Biomedical Scientist registration portfolio at Queen’s Hospital. I work with excellent time management skills, a ‘can do’ attitude and the ability to work very well under immense pressure as for my CV speaks the rest. I have a genuine interest in the field of Histopathology, Neurosciences and DNA synthesis, which has led me rigorously self-study these areas and aim to explore more on being received an opportunity. At current, I am working on an individual project about Gene Sequencing of any complex disease.

**Education**

**BSc Biomedical Science, Kingston University, Sept 2017-Present**

Second Year Modules: Molecular Biology of the Cell **A**, Medical Physiology with Research Methods **A**, Infection and Immunity **B**, Pathobiology **B**.

First Year Modules Studied include; Human Physiology **A**, Biochemical Foundations of life **A**, Genes, Cells and tissues **A+**, Scientific and Laboratory Skills **A+**.

**Beacon house School System, North Nazimabad, Karachi, September 2016**

**Advanced Level:** Biology (C), Chemistry (C), Physics (C)

**Beacon house School System, Cambridge Branch, North Nazimabad, Karachi August 2012 – August 2014**

**GCE O’ LEVEL**: 5A’s, 1A\* and 3B’s. English **A**, Urdu **A\*,** Sociology **A**, Islamiyat **A** Chemistry **A**, Biology **A**, Math **B**, Physics **B,** Pakistan studies **B**

**Professional Experience**

Trainee Biomedical Scientist, Queen’s Hospital London. (16th of September 2019 – 9th of September 2020)

1. Completed IBMS registration portfolio at the Histopathology department as well as being trained as a Biomedical Scientist.
2. Can book samples efficiently, print cassettes and write description on request forms using WinPath (IT software) and G2 dictation with Cut-Up Personnel for biopsies.
3. Efficient in tissue embedding and can handle the cleaning as well as the start-up of the embedding centre.
4. Can cut 1-2microns of fatty tissues on the microtome and can produce single strips of tissues on the water bath.
5. Able to manage the H&E staining machine, additionally can clean, maintain the chemicals of the Multi-Stainer as well as start-up the machine.
6. Can also manage to get chemical deliveries, such as that of Ethanol and Formalin from time to time.

Placement Student, Royal Marsden Hospital, (9th of September – 13th of September 2019)

1. Got an introduction to the RMH Sutton and Chelsea Site and spent a day in Histology, Haematology, and Microbiology Labs.
2. Experienced the work done in the Cytogenetics lab, additionally worked with a Geneticists to understand the live process of flow cytometry carried out in the lab on cancer samples.
3. Awarded by a certificate confirming my attendance and participation at the RMH.

Sales team member, Sofa.com (Oxford Street, London) (February 2019 – June 2019)

1. Worked as a team member for the newly opened sofa.com franchise at Oxford street.
2. I also worked at two other branches in different parts of London and contributed to their sales by providing excellent customer service.
3. I was responsible for providing the expert advice to the customers about sofas and different types of leathers.
4. Created sale lists and maintained accounts on company’s database.

SEC Academic mentor, Kingston University (September 2018-May 2019)

1. I was mentoring approximately 60 first year biomedical science students, helping them understand some key concepts of Biochemistry.
2. Prepared and presented power-point presentations for each mentoring session.

External Consultant, Social Innovation Programme (Kingston Hub) (February 2018- March 2018)

1. As a paid internee, was consulted by the Common-side Community Development Trust to resolve their issues as mentioned in their brief.
2. Researched our client to find solution to the challenges faced by them.
3. Responsible for the collection and compilation of data and to write a full report on the findings and solutions.
4. Presented the solution at a formal gathering of about 100 people at Accenture London.

Course Representative and Senior Course Representative, Kingston University (September 2017 – May 2019)

1. I liaise and take note of the views/opinions of 150 Biomedical Science students.
2. Conducted an early module feedback and put forward notions of lecture being recorded to the module leaders. I aim to devise a system for the first-year students to shadow professors of the biomedical science department and be given a certificate for their experience of shadowing which can enhance their CV and open doors to internships and placements.
3. This role has enhanced my confidence and my problem-solving skills as I am responsible for academically wellbeing of more than 150 students.

Volunteering at Civil Hospital (December 2015)

1. Conducted two health awareness campaigns with a team of doctors which included targeting an audience of over 500 people. Designed and distributed awareness pamphlets.
2. Generated the highest amount of fund for the social awareness group at the civil hospital through speeches and awareness in the society, received a professional first aid training by the experienced doctors. Visualized a doctor’s task and responsibilities in Karachi’s largest Government Hospital.
3. Developed the art of critically analysing the situation and carefully handling the sensitive issues of working in a team.

Volunteering at Girl Guides (2005 January - present)

1. Directed the Senior Guide’s company of over 50 members for 2 years also participated in various team building activities on a national level.
2. Attained a true passion for volunteerism, established management skills as well as administrative skills.

Technical Skills:

1. Proficient Knowledge of the use of SPSS, Google docs, slides and sheet.
2. Expert user of Microsoft Office
3. Multi-lingual, fluent in English, Urdu and basic German.

**Interests and Achievements**

Szabist Model United Nations Conference (ZABMUN)

Attended a four-day conference held in Pearl Continent Hotel (Karachi) - Participated and was an active speaker in the Human Rights Council (HRC) Committee, executed a draft resolution with the team, this honed my public speaking skills and gave me the ability to be able to think on my feet.

Interschool Debate Competition

Procured 2nd position in English Debate Competition at school. Procured 1st position in Spelling Sea competition held at school.

**Reference:**

Available on request.