

# QuintilesIMS

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## **Information Interview with Consultant:**

**Personal Work Experience:** BSc degree in Psychology with an emphasis in psychopharmacology/behavioural pharmacology and statistics; self-taught SQL programming; 4 years' work experience as a data analyst/manager; 3 years' experience as a consultant with IMS Health; currently pursuing MSc in Medical Statistics (part-time) sponsored by IMS Health.

**Average day in the job:** Every day is a little different, which adds variety and new/different challenges, with meetings sprinkled throughout the day with the project team (other statisticians, epidemiologists, programmers, project managers, medical directors and strategists) to review the previous day's/week's progress and to plan for the next week's agenda/strategies/risks. Then depending on the project phase, some deep work writing a proposal, programming specifications, or statistical analysis plan along with researching to gain deeper knowledge on the therapy area for the project we are working on or getting lost in programming in SQL or SAS.

**General pieces of advice:** Remember the reasons why you pursued global health and don't get caught up in office politics. We are all here based on some desire to improve the quality of life.

An understanding of the pharmaceutical industry is an advantage, as it allows you to engage with clients which is a highly-desired skill on top of one's academic training (MSc or PhD).

## **QuintilesIMS:**

*"Delivering integrated information and technology solutions to drive healthcare forward."*

Skills considered most valuable in current role are multi-disciplinary communication, being able to problem solve with out-of-the-box solutions, and the ability to focus.

QuintilesIMS is a multi-faceted organization with the root goal of bringing people and knowledge together for a healthier world. It seeks to improve real-world patient outcomes through treatment innovations, care provision and access to healthcare, driving new insights and approaches for information, technology, and service solutions.

QuintilesIMS real world insights team offers internships for students without any experience in the healthcare sector; however, there are often roles for programmers, statisticians and epidemiologists available at all different levels on a rolling basis as well as a handful of entry-level opportunities over/after the summer.

Several features that are assessed in a candidate vary from their current skill set, to their interest and ability to learn new skills and their personality fit for the team.

Speculative applications/CVs are welcome

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