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Degree(s): BSc Experimental Physics
MSc Meteorology

Current Job Title: Chief Scientist Valentia Observatory

Current Company/University: Met Éireann

Under a Met Éireann / UCD collaboration, I was lucky enough to be accepted into the MSc in Meteorology. Having graduated from an MSc five years previously, I was the envy of my friends becoming a student again.

The course was thoroughly enjoyable with a mix of lectures, tutorials and practical sessions. An end of year project gave you the opportunity to concentrate on the area of the course that you found most interesting. It is one of the few courses out there where staring out of the library window at clouds counts as study!

I now work as the Chief Scientist at Met Éireann's Valentia Observatory. This job requires abilities across multiple disciplines. Report writing and presentations skills learnt during my MSc provide a solid foundation when I present to the international scientific community.

The great thing about this job is its diversity. One day I will be re-programming the software that monitors weather balloons, the next I could be analysing ozone data or writing a scientific document on climate change. I'm fortunate enough to be in a position where I use the knowledge I gained through the MSc in Meteorology on a daily basis.

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