

In her own words: Jessica Harrison

In celebration of #IWD2023, we check in with some incredible women at the NCC who share candid insights into their respective roles; what drives them to login every morning; and the advice they would give their 16-year-old selves.

Meet Jess Harrison, Associate Research Engineer

Joining the NCC

I was looking for research-based and materials-based graduate roles whilst at university, and liked the idea of rotating around multiple parts of the business as part of the NCC's graduate scheme. The option to be based in both technical and project management roles was a key reason I joined.

I have always enjoyed subjects at school related to materials in some way, including design, technology, chemistry and physics. So, I kept engaging with opportunities to learn more about this subject area outside of school.

A particular experience which stands out, and definitely solidified my interest in materials, was when I attended a lecture aimed at sixth form/college students. A PhD student was talking about applying fullerenes to drug delivery within the body – it blew my mind. His enthusiasm for his research was contagious and encouraged me to apply for a materials engineering course at university, ultimately leading me to where I am today.

What motivates my login

- The variety of work and projects. There's always something new and interesting to get involved with.
- I'm constantly learning, be it about a new material, process or application.
- The NCC seems to attract genuinely good people, who are always happy to help and support career mentoring.



Advice to my 16-year-old self

“ It's okay to not be certain of a career 'end goal' – follow your gut and keep doing whatever it is that you enjoy. ”

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