

Alex Johnson

Final-year Biology student with international research experience, five years of customer service, and leadership roles in conservation projects. Seeking to apply scientific, environmental, and communication skills in a research or consultancy role.

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Higher Education

2018 to 2022

University of Glasgow, MSci Biology, 2:1 expected

Final Year Project: "Microbial Resistance in Aquatic Ecosystems"

- Investigated the rise of antimicrobial resistance in freshwater ecosystems and the role of pollution in accelerating resistance. Collaborated with researchers in the UK, Germany, and Canada.
- Honours courses included: Environmental Microbiology, Molecular Ecology.
- Subsidiary subjects: Data Science, Marine Biology.

Jan - May 2021

Study Exchange: Max Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology, Bremen, Germany

- Conducted research on microbial biofilms and their impact on marine ecosystems. Successfully used metagenomics to map microbial communities.
- All classes and research conducted in German. Received excellent feedback from Professor Müller.

University Life

- **Member of the Biology Student Council.** Successfully advocated for the introduction of an additional practical course for final-year students, benefiting over 100 students.
- **Environmental Action Group Coordinator.** Led efforts to reduce single-use plastics on campus, organizing regular events and campaigns. Spearheaded the "Plastic-Free Campus" initiative, achieving a 30% reduction in plastic waste in the first year.
- **Organized annual "Women in Science" event** with three other committee members. Recruited speakers and used social media to reach the target of 100 attendees.

Environmental Experience

Jun to Sep 2021

SEPA (Scottish Environment Protection Agency), Environmental Science Internship

- Assisted in water quality monitoring, analyzing samples from over 20 locations across Scotland.
- Presented findings at monthly meetings, receiving positive feedback from senior scientists.
- Utilized PCR, spectrometry, and chromatography to analyze pollutants in water samples.
- Selected to present a poster at the "Young Environmental Scientists" conference, highlighting findings on microplastic contamination.

Sep 2019 to Present

President of University Conservation Society

- Lead monthly conservation projects in collaboration with local authorities.
- Organized a tree-planting initiative, resulting in 300 trees planted over two weekends.
- Developed the society's website and social media strategy, increasing membership by 40% in one year.

School Life

- **Vice President of the Eco Club:** Organized environmental awareness campaigns and led initiatives to create a school-wide recycling program.
- **Youth Club Leader:** Led weekly activity sessions for teenagers and organized an annual outdoor adventure weekend.
- **Sports Captain:** Actively involved in cross-country running, squash, and cycling clubs.

Other Work Experience

Jun 2019 to Present

Assistant Manager, Green Planet Café, Glasgow

- Promoted to Assistant Manager within six months for demonstrating excellent leadership and customer service skills.
- Manage a team of eight staff members and ensure smooth daily operations.
- Trained new staff on health and safety protocols, customer service, and product knowledge.
- Successfully implemented a “Zero Waste” initiative, reducing food waste by 20%.

Hobbies and Interests

- **Squash:** Play competitively in local leagues and participate in regional tournaments.
- **Cooking:** Enjoy creating new recipes and cooking for friends, with a particular focus on plant-based cuisine.
- **Hiking and Cycling:** Regularly explore the Scottish Highlands and have completed over 50 Munros.
- **Photography:** Focus on nature and landscape photography, with exhibitions in local galleries.