# WHAT'S IT LIKE TO BE A CLINICAL TRIAL STATISTICIAN?

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## What can YOU expect in an academic statistics role?

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Hi, my name is Yuk and I'm a trial statistician at Queen Mary University of London's Pragmatic Clinical Trials Unit (PCTU).

**What's your background?** I completed my first degree in statistics at UCL, where I was introduced to the application of statistics in medicine. After my degree I interned at IQVIA as a patient recruitment analyst, which furthered my interest in clinical research. I then decided to develop my technical skills further by completing an MSc in Medical Statistics at LSHTM.

**What do you do in a typical week?** My typical work week involves the following tasks:

- Data checking and cleaning
- Writing statistical analysis plans
- Carrying out statistical analysis
- Online/face-to-face meetings with various stakeholders

**What do you like best about your job?** What I like best about working as a trial statistician is the balance between independent working and teamwork, as well as the balance between creative and technical thinking.

**What next for you**? This is my first post since my MSc; I look forward to gaining more exposure to different study designs and therapeutic areas down the line.

**Any advice to share?** To those who are interested in working in a CTU, I'd suggest reaching out to researchers to learn more about their work and day-to-day tasks, job-shadow where possible, and gaining the relevant degrees once you've made up your mind.

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