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Statement of impact from MRC Flexible Supplement Fund award

The MRC Flexible Supplement provided funding for me to complete a 3-month policy internship at the Academy of Medical Sciences, which was a great learning experience and built up my transferable skills. The internship gave me the opportunity to gain a different perspective on research, and learn about the ways other organisations work to make sure that the research carried out in academia is translated into benefit for society – an understanding I believe to be important for any researcher. It also gave me the opportunity to gain experience of communicating information via different writing styles, for different audiences, as well as providing a platform to interact with individuals from a variety of organisations. During the internship, I was also lucky to have the chance to spend some time at the MRC and the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI).

I believe that the internship built my confidence and has opened my eyes up to the variety of career options that may be available to me post-PhD, and has helped me appreciate that the skills I am learning and acquiring during my PhD are applicable to a wide variety of careers.