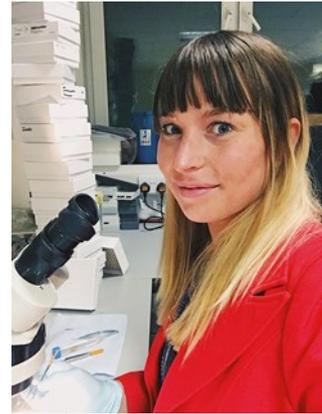


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Please tell us about your background and the project you are starting

I've always loved travelling and the idea of exploring and learning new things. Having undertaken my undergrad back home in Austria in the field of molecular biology and my MSc at the University of Edinburgh in Drug Discovery and Translational Biology this gave me the opportunity to explore science at a broad scope. The birth of my niece during my master's degree with a rare genetic neurological condition steered me into the direction of neuroscience, leaving me with this amazing opportunity to delve deeper into the "cellular and molecular anatomy of the human neuromuscular junction" which is my research project for the next three years.

What advantages do you think you'll gain from having your PhD funded by The Anatomical Society?

Being part of a society such as The Anatomical Society opens the door to network and being integrated into a fantastic community of academic researchers, so will the support of travel funding for anatomy meetings.

Did you know about The Anatomical Society and its funding opportunities for students before you started your PhD?

No, it was first pointed out to me by my MSc research project supervisor.

What are you looking forward to when attending Anatomical Society meetings?

Primarily networking with likeminded researchers and getting input on the work I will be presenting. Furthermore, the presentations to stay up to date on what's currently being done and especially the conference dinner.

What do you hope to learn as part of your PhD?

I want to gain a sturdy skillset to develop into an independent researcher, further enhance my project management and communication skills.

What advice do you have for undergraduate members who are planning to do a PhD?

Most importantly, choose a PhD by its Principle Investigator and project. The relationship with your PI can make or break your entire PhD experience and the way you go about your project. Make sure to be interested in what you'll be doing and whatever passion you develop towards your project will drive you through your PhD. Not to forget, work life balance! Enjoy your PhD, work as hard as you can, but don't forget about having a life. As my PI Tom Gillingwater keeps saying: A PhD is a marathon and not a sprint!