I did my summer placement at the Institute of Estuarine and Coastal Studies (IECS) in Hull, where I helped out on a wide variety of projects. My specific research project was to provide laboratory support and statistical analysis for a study on the settlement of juvenile flatfish into coastal nursery areas. Initially I had responsibility for identifying and measuring fish species and then extended this work to also include crab and lobsters.

This placement was a great learning experience for me. I had fantastic support from senior colleagues at the institute and as a result developed a broad range of skills from working there. I very much enjoyed the responsibilities that the placement provided and think that my experience there bridged the gap between knowledge I had gained from the course and real life problems. The placement has also provided me with ideas for my future career.