

# A Day in the Life of Project Scientist



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## Why I Chose JBS&G

What initially attracted me to JBS&G was the balance between office and field work, as it allows me to stay active and engaged on site while also developing my technical skills in the office. I had also heard about the positive company culture and the people within the business. From a professional development perspective, I was keen to join a company that would enable me to become a specialist in my field. Working in contaminated land provides the opportunity to build deep technical expertise.

## What My Week Typically Looks Like

My typical week is a mix of office-based and field work. In the office, I'll focus on tasks such as preparing proposals, reporting, and data analysis. My week also often includes field work, which can range from single-day site projects to spending a full week on site, depending on project requirements.

## Example Day Snapshot

- 8:30am** I'll come into the office and check any emails, get my head around how my day is going to shape up. I may also be doing some final prep of some gear or scope of field work that I am going to for the day.
- 9:00am** Mornings are usually where I complete my smaller tasks, scanning field sheets, inputting data, making results tables, data modelling.
- 12:00pm** I'll have a lunch break in our open kitchen which allows for plenty of open conversation.
- 1:00pm** Afternoon office work typically involves some form of reporting on either my projects or helping out across the team, taking me through to the end of the day.
- 3:30pm** Field work would be completed for the day. Usually when finishing for the day tasks involve making sure you cross everything you have done for the day, field sheets, samples, scope.
- 5:00pm** When closing out a typical day, I'll make sure all I don't have any pending messages from people. If I know I have field work the next day I will pack everything and make sure everything is set for the day.

## The Types of Projects I Work On

Projects can range from smaller scale preliminary site investigation reporting, which is more desktop orientated. This type of project will require me to investigate current and historical site information to develop an understanding on potential contamination on or near by the site that will be relayed to the client.

Field work-based projects for me have been all across Adelaide, rural and metro. These have included scopes covering groundwater well installations, development, and sampling. Soil vapour installation, sampling, and indoor monitoring of indoor air. Soil sampling using a range of methods. All site works will also require analysis and reporting in office to provide a client with outcomes or recommendations.

## What Surprised Me Most

What surprised me most about work at JBS&G is the variance in projects and the short- and long-term time frame of projects, but also the autonomy of the team to organise juggling multiple projects at a time and shifting focus from one to another quite easily.

## How I'm Developing

As a graduate, I have had to develop technical skills in the field and becoming more competent in across all site works.

## What Makes This Role Rewarding

Team culture at JBS&G and the integration that everyone across the room. Everyone is able to help everyone with every project. Sense of interconnectedness and value makes this job rewarding

## Advice for Future Graduates

I think my biggest advice for future graduates would be patience and resilience in finding a job. Also, for myself I found it took me quite a while to realise the path I want to go down, especially in an environmental related career.



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