

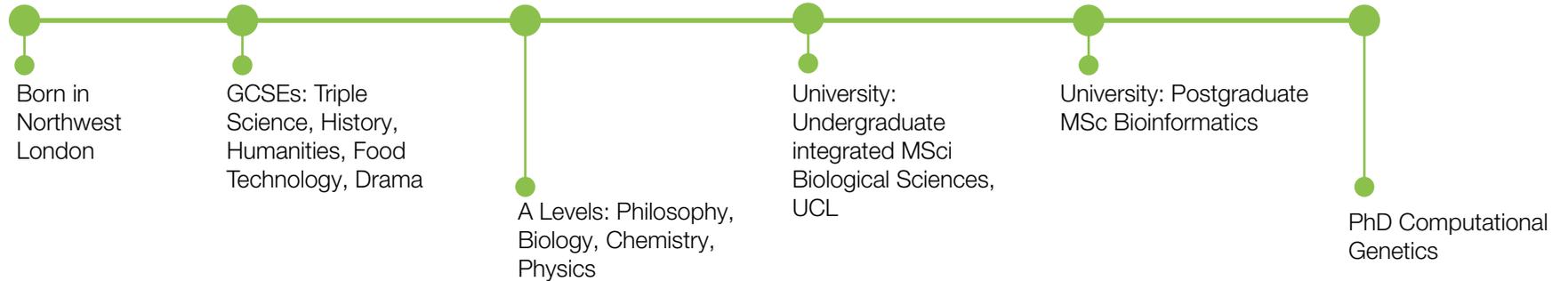


**Name:**  
Tobi Alegbe

**Job title:**  
PhD student

**What do I do:**  
I'm a student researcher using computer science and statistics to understand the genetic causes of inflammatory bowel diseases such as Crohn's and ulcerative colitis.

### My career highlights



**What do I enjoy most about my job?**  
I love working on interesting problems, coming up with solutions and knowing the work I do can have a real impact on people's lives.

**What was my favourite subject at school?**  
I really enjoyed biology because understanding life has always intrigued me. But I also loved philosophy because it really opened my eyes to thought-provoking problems.

## Skills I use in my job :



### Coding

I am a 'dry lab' scientist so all my science is done via code



### Teamwork

I work in a team of 20 scientists and collaboration is key to getting things done



### Problem solving

I am often confronted with challenging data problems



### Observation

Visualising data and spotting patterns is key to what I do

## My top tips for students wanting a career in genomics:

- Make sure you enjoy it – if you're passionate the rest comes easier
- Being smart isn't enough, you have to work hard too
- Never stop learning.

## What hobbies do I have?

I like to swim, listen to audiobooks, play videogames and watch sports. I also love an adventure, whether that's in the UK or abroad – going off the beaten track is always fun.

