

OBSERVATIONS ON WORKING IN A SMALL AGENCY

Others prefer working in a smaller agency environment, where there is sometimes more opportunity to make a name for yourself and have a real influence than in a large agency. Some observations on working in a smaller agency are outlined below:

- Working for a small agency can be challenging and rewarding. Training focuses on learning on the job, building up your knowledge and skill set through experience.
- That's not to say that small agencies do not have structured training programmes, rather a training programme utilising internal and external courses that can be tailored to suit your style and pace of learning.
- Small agencies tend not to have a hierarchical structure. Instead a close knit community culture is fostered with the opportunity to work with and learn from even the most senior members of the company.
- If you like to work hard, hit the ground running and work your way up the ladder quickly then a small agency may be for you.

Some examples of small to medium sized agencies that sometimes take on graduates are shown below:

Adelphi Research UK
Insight Research Group

www.adelphigroup.com/marketresearch/uk
www.insightrg.com/healthcare research

Synergy Healthcare Research www.synergyresearch.co.uk

The Planning Shop International www.planningshopintl.com/home.htm

Healthcare Research Worldwide www.hrwhealthcare.com www.hall-and-partners.com