

## **Case study**

**Nationality:** Nigerian

**Course:** PhD in Welding Engineering

**Transition route:** Tier 4 to Tier 4 Doctorate Extension Scheme

### **Describe your current job role**

I am senior project leader at a research and technology organisation.

### **Do you have any hints and tips about applying for a visa/making the transition?**

Before applying for the Doctorate Extension Scheme (DES) it is important to have secured a date for your viva. In order not to make mistakes when completing the application form, you could contact the Academic Services. This is important because the application form is similar to the Tier 4 general form but there are some areas where you need advice on what to fill in.

### **Do you have any hints and tips about getting a job?**

Regarding work, I made a couple of applications which fell through before I finally succeeded. It is not always possible to get the first job you apply for. You may need patience and sometimes perseverance. In order to improve your chances of getting a job I advise that you target roles that you have the requisite experiences and skill set for and hopefully you will get an interview, and maybe the job.

### **How easy/difficult was the visa/transition process?**

It was easier than I expected to get the DES. I and my family were given the DES visa exactly one week after we did the biometrics. What is important is to correctly complete the application form and provide all the required/necessary documents.