Career Profile of Regulatory Associate: Ayoola Aboyade-Cole, PhD

What is your current title and how long have you worked in your current job?
Regulatory Associate; almost 1 ½ years

Where did you get your PhD and what discipline was it in?
Florida A&M University; Pharmacology/Toxicology

Did you do a postdoc?
Yes, at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

What are your main daily responsibilities?
Compile IRB communications for oncology clinical trials and maintain proper documentation of compliance.

What are the keys to success in your career field?
Organization, Scientific Knowledge; Oral/Written Communication

What were the most important factors in choosing your career path?
When looking for my next career, I was interested in being involved in clinical research. I wanted a position, away from the bench, where my scientific background would be utilized and where I could gain experience and knowledge in clinical research processes and procedures.

What 1 or 2 pieces of advice do you have for people who want to land a job like yours?
1. Become familiar with Good Clinical Practices and the FDA website
2. Connect with people working in the field; they not only have great insight on resources but also on job availability