**TIBBS Career Blitz Career Profile Questionnaire**

1. Please provide your name and employer:

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1. What is your current title and how long have you worked in your current job?

Associate Director, Medical Writing, ~2.5 years

1. Where did you get your PhD and what discipline was it in?

UNC Chapel Hill, Microbiology and Immunology

1. Did you do a postdoc?

Yes, at the Duke Clinical Research Institute

1. What are your main daily responsibilities?

Leading regulatory documents from planning through finalization, planning Health Authority submissions, overseeing writers, attending and leading meetings, and managing timelines,

1. What are the keys to success in your career field?

Interpretation of scientific data, writing skills, project management, communication skills

1. What were the most important factors in choosing your career path and current employer?

Finding something I enjoy that feels meaningful and allows growth and learning

1. What activities (if any) did you participate in that helped you be successful in obtaining your job?

Graduate school, membership/participation in relevant professional societies, networking

1. What 1 or 2 pieces of advice do you have for people who want to land a job like yours?

Be willing to take time to talk to people in the field, and explore internships or other unpaid/low pay opportunities to demonstrate aptitude

1. How is the work/life balance in your career field and how much of a factor was that in your career choice?

The field is demanding but finding a company that aligns with one’s career and personal goals is key for longevity and balance. There are busy times during drug development where work/life balance can be challenging but there are also slower times where one can re-establish a more manageable balance. Different companies and managers approach this very differently and finding the right fit on this key aspect of work is paramount.