



## AMANDA BRUMMITT

Investigator, Developer and Entrepreneur

“ [the best parts of my job are] the people and just how outside the box it is from what most people think ”

Amanda Brummitt, Mechanical Project Engineer, STFC Rutherford Appleton Laboratory

### What kind of person is Amanda?

Amanda is an interesting mix of personality traits. She has a creative spirit but also a very practical and organised side. This useful combination means she's great at figuring out how to deliver large, complicated projects that have a unique set of requirements and are destined to become some of the world's most important Science projects!

### What is Amanda's job?

Amanda is a Mechanical Project Engineer at STFC Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, which is a research centre for all kinds of scientific fields. Amanda mainly supports physics projects for a number of different projects across the world, such as those at CERN (where they do advanced particle physics experiments). She is specifically in charge of managing and delivering large and unique equipment projects. It's an incredibly varied role—Amanda never knows what she might get asked to supply next!

### How did she get that job?

Amanda was always interested in tinkering and fixing gadgets and other objects—she has her father to thank for that! She was naturally drawn to doing an apprenticeship and although she enjoyed it, she realised that she wanted to play a larger leadership role in her projects. She ended up getting a degree in Mechanical Design and that helped springboard her into her current career. When she was an apprenticeship, her salary was £9,000—that might not sound like much but a lot of her day-to-day costs were paid for as part of the apprenticeship.

### Why is Amanda the 'Investigator', 'Developer' and 'Entrepreneur'?

Amanda is a great example of the 'Investigator' and 'Developer' types because for each of her projects, she has to work out the most efficient way to deliver the equipment needed and then manage that process. She also fits the 'Entrepreneur' quite well because she works with the different physics sites to fulfil their needs and supply the best possible equipment. Although Amanda knew from a young age that she wanted to work in this field, she can see how the 'People Like Me' quiz would have benefited her friends who didn't know what career they wanted (and still don't!).