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Dr Rhodes completed his PhD on Transport in heterogeneous porous media at Imperial College London in 2007. Here he tells us about his PhD experience.

What was your motivation for a PhD?
“As long as I can remember I have wanted to do a PhD at a university with a historical tradition of genuine scientific research.”

What career rewards has your PhD provided?
“The skills I developed during my work at Imperial were seen as beneficial during my interview.”

What was your best experience?
“The best part of my PhD was the opportunities I had to travel. Including Tenerife and Sardinia.”

What was your worst experience?
“Not taking more time to enjoy the historical/cultural sites within London.“

What was your most unusual experience?
“Losing my glasses in Sardinia while cooking and then scouring the nearby hills for some Rosemary which, after being cut to pieces by the local plant life, we discovered near our tent on the way back.”

What advice would you give to those considering a PhD?
“In a world where it is getting harder and harder for employers to differentiate between candidates it can also be a potential bonus for you if you have a PhD.”