

# Choosing your elective

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### Clinical Bioinformatics - Genomics

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# What is this elective you speak of?

## The details...

- 4-6 weeks
- Completely different to your day to day—
  - Extend learning scope
  - Introduce a different setting
  - Gain hands on experience not available on STP
  - [Website examples here](#)

# What is this elective you speak of?

## The competencies...

EL-C-1	Produce learning outcomes for the elective training period and link these to Good Scientific Practice.
EL-C-2	Write a report of your elective training that includes your learning outcomes (mapped to Good Scientific Practice), a critical reflection on your experience and an action plan.
EL-C-3	Plan, prepare and deliver an oral presentation that describes and reflects on the learning from your elective and shows how your experience will shape your future practice.



# My elective experience

## The context...

- Clinical bioinformatics trainee 2<sup>nd</sup> Year
  - Lots of computer based work
  - Ability to programme is a highly desirable skill
  - Construct data analysis “pipelines”
  - Limited patient contact
  - Work in an office space with diagnostic team and academic researchers

# My elective experience

## The decision process...

How different?

When should I do  
it?

How far do I want  
to travel?

What do I want to  
learn?

What other  
competencies can I  
align it to?

What are my  
options?

# My experience

## The process...

How different?

Similar but at a bit  
of a tangent

Not very!

How far do I  
want to travel?

What do I want  
to learn?

Computer coding,  
pipeline creation,  
working in  
academic setting

Competencies  
from two other  
specialist modules!

What other  
competencies  
can I align it to?

# My experience

## What I did

- Exeter sequencing service
- Part time 3 months
- Construct an analysis pipeline
- Object orientated programming
- Ruby programming language

## What I learned

- Follow best practices to analyse genetic sequence data
- Collaborative programming
- Importance of accurate documentation

# Learning outcomes mapped to GSP

Learning outcome		GSP rationale
1	Integrate with a multidisciplinary team and contribute to common goals by building upon and/or developing processes	GSP 1.3.2 'Work effectively as a member of a multidisciplinary team'
2	Develop programming and bioinformatic knowledge to enable the development of a genomic DNA analysis pipeline that uses the principles of dependency based build automation, version control and quality assurance.	GSP 2.2.9 'Demonstrate appropriate level of skill in the use of information and communications technology'
3	Research and apply the most current and reliable bioinformatic processes to meet the aims of the elective project.	GSP 4.1.6 'Evaluate research and other available evidence to inform own practice in order to ensure that it remains at the leading edge of innovation'
4	Understand the importance of accurate documentation when working as part of a dynamic multidisciplinary team.	GSP 5.1.5 'Make suitable arrangements to ensure roles and responsibilities are covered when you are absent, including handover at sufficient level of detail to competent colleagues'

