Chaitrali Gothe, (M.S. 2014) first heard of the Carnegie Mellon graduate program in Materials Science and Engineering from a friend who was attending CMU in a different discipline. She came to Carnegie Mellon with a bachelor’s degree in Polymer Science and Engineering from her home country in India. She chose Carnegie Mellon’s Master of Science Program in Materials Science and Engineering to increase her portfolio to include other areas in the MSE field.

After graduating from Carnegie Mellon, Chaitrali secured an R&D chemistry position at L’Oreal developing formulas for gel nail polishes. She is currently a Materials Scientist at TE Connectivity, in the Printed Electronics Group. She is developing conductive, resistive and magnetic inks to be used in printed electronics such as circuit boards and sensors.

Chaitrali believes her time at CMU was valuable to her career; she gained practical knowledge during her year in the MS program that she continues to use on a daily basis in her career. In addition, she found that the rigorous curriculum has given her the confidence to handle pressure in her career. She has some advice for our current students searching for a job in the materials industry: make sure to network with other CMU students and alumni, use all career resources available and that the job search process can be long and arduous but stick with it and something will turn up.

~Interview Fall 2016 with Neetha Khan