

Careers and Employability Service

What Can I Do With My Degree?

Biological Sciences

Introduction

This resource is designed for you to discover what you can do with your degree. It contains information on:

- [Skills gained through your degree](#) - useful in career decision-making and when applying for graduate jobs
- [Overview of the main career areas with your degree](#) - to help you understand what other students with your degree have gone on to do
- [Links to selected relevant professional bodies and associations](#) - to help you understand the sector and also provide advice and information
- [Finding opportunities](#) - including finding jobs and internships, volunteering opportunities, specialist recruitment agencies.
- [Further study](#) - professional qualifications and programmes aligned to your first degree

Skills gained through your degree

In a competitive graduate labour market, it is important that you are able to demonstrate the key skills that you have developed through your degree programme.

Reflecting upon the skills you have gained and your skill strengths can also be helpful in career decision making. The following resources can help you to understand the skills gained from your degree.

[Prospects](#)

[Understanding your skills](#)

[Your course learning outcomes](#) - Your course modules contain aims and learning outcomes. These are useful in assisting you to recognise and reflect upon the skills developed during your studies.

Overview of the main career areas with your degree

[Prospects](#)

[TargetJobs](#)

[National Careers Service](#)

Links to selected professional bodies and associations

[The Institute of Biomedical Science](#)

[The British Pharmacological Society](#)

[The British Ecological Society](#)

[The British Biochemical Society](#)

[Zoological Society of London](#)

[Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry \(ABPI\)](#)

[British Society for Cell Biology](#)

[Royal Society of Biology](#)

[Society for Experimental Biology](#)

[UK Bio Industry Association \(BIA\)](#)

Finding relevant opportunities

This section suggests selected sources of opportunities that are most closely linked to your degree. Remember though, that students studying your subject can enter a much wider range of career options.

[Careerscene.com](#) - The UK's largest internet resource for Biomedical Science vacancies.

[MediPlacements](#) – Opportunities throughout the health care industry including biomedical science and pharmacy.

[Hyper Recruitment Solutions](#) – Providing recruitment solutions for specialist sectors including BioTech and Pharma.

[Jobs.ac.uk](#) – Research, Science, Academic, Teaching and Management jobs and studentships in the public and private sector.

[Nature Careers](#) – Packed with the latest career articles, science jobs and employment news.

- [Jobs in Biomedical Science](#)
- [Science technician roles](#)

[New Scientist Jobs](#) – online edition of the New Scientist Graduate Careers Special.

[NHS Careers](#) – Vacancies within the National Health Service across England and Wales.

[NHS Jobs](#)

[Pharmafile](#) – Online directory of pharmaceutical related news and job vacancies.

[Pharmiweb.com](#) – Widely regarded as one of the world’s leading Pharmaceutical job portals for the UK and International vacancies.

[PMLiVE](#) – Pharma marketing, sales and communications jobs with a substantial career advice site embedded within the webpage.

[Wellcome Trust](#) – The world’s largest medical research charity providing funds to support research in the biomedical sciences.

Volunteering is a popular and well-trodden path to building up relevant skills and experience in a wide range of career options most closely aligned to your degree:

[Do It](#) – searchable database

[Volunteering England](#) – General opportunities and advice

[IMechE scholarships and awards](#)

[FISITA Travel Bursary Programme](#)

Further study

[Prospects](#) – Search postgraduate courses, advice and funding information

[Target Postgrad](#) – advice and information on postgraduate study

[Careers Service](#) – includes information on Law, Teaching and Medicine

[The Knowledge Transfer Partnership scheme \(KTP\)](#)

[The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council](#)

[Science & Technology Facilities Council](#)

[University of Southampton bursaries](#) for existing students. Also offers [postgraduate opportunities](#) in the School of Biological Sciences.

[Postgrad](#)

[Findaphd](#)

[Jobs.ac.uk](#)