

# LIFE SCIENCES

**YOUR IMPACT MATTERS.  
NURTURE YOUR POTENTIAL  
AND DISCOVER YOUR PATH...  
THE TIME IS NOW!**

## WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH YOUR DEGREE?

A degree related to life sciences offers a great grounding for a career in science and health. Use these links to explore options available to you:

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree>

[www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles](http://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles)

<https://targetjobs.co.uk/career-sectors/science-and-research/285531-what-can-i-do-with-my-science-degree-in>

Jobs within life sciences can be competitive so practical experience in the field will prove invaluable. Graduate schemes usually open early in the academic year so if you're looking to work in industry then you'll need to be ready to apply very early in your final year. Opportunities with smaller companies exist but you'll need to be proactive to find them.

You may benefit from undertaking postgraduate study to develop your skills further and improve your prospects depending on your preferred career goal.

Many life sciences graduates pursue careers outside of science and health. You could find yourself in business, finance, marketing, education or sales as most graduate vacancies don't require a specific degree.

Gaining relevant experience while you study is an essential part of developing your employability.

Do a placement year. Find relevant voluntary work. Shadow someone already working in your dream job. Apply for research opportunities in your department.

### POSTGRADUATE STUDY AND RESEARCH:

Want to delve deeper into science and specialise? Or perhaps you'd like a career in research or as an academic? These links will help you consider different options such as a taught Masters, Masters by Research and PhD.

[www.findamasters.com](http://www.findamasters.com)

[www.findaphd.com](http://www.findaphd.com)

[www.jobs.ac.uk](http://www.jobs.ac.uk)

## SECTOR NEWS AND JOB SEARCH LINKS

[www.rsb.org.uk/careers-and-cpd/careers](http://www.rsb.org.uk/careers-and-cpd/careers)

The Royal Society of Biology provides information to assist undergraduate and postgraduate students in their career development.

[www.newscientist.com](http://www.newscientist.com)

Weekly science and technology news magazine.

[jobs.newscientist.com](http://jobs.newscientist.com)

Science jobs across the UK and Europe in a range of disciplines including chemistry, biology, clinical and engineering.

[www.the-scientist.com](http://www.the-scientist.com)

Magazine for Life Science professionals featuring careers articles.

[www.nature.com](http://www.nature.com)

The leading weekly, international scientific journal.

[www.nature.com/naturejobs/science](http://www.nature.com/naturejobs/science)

Global career resource for scientists and the world's largest dedicated science jobs board. It advertises international science jobs and provides a wide range of free career articles, advice and information and runs a CV database for jobseekers.

[www.ukspa.org.uk](http://www.ukspa.org.uk)

Find smaller and specialist employers through the UK Science Park Association.

[www.gradcracker.com](http://www.gradcracker.com)

Where the STEM jobs are. Find placements, internships and graduate roles from a range of employers.

[www.stemgraduates.co.uk](http://www.stemgraduates.co.uk)

UK's only graduate recruitment agency focused on placing graduates from a STEM subject.

## BIOCHEMISTRY

[www.biochemistry.org/home/education/careers](http://www.biochemistry.org/home/education/careers)

The Biochemical Society careers pages.

[www.acb.org.uk/whatwedo/careers.aspx](http://www.acb.org.uk/whatwedo/careers.aspx)

The Association for Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine.

[www.obn.org.uk](http://www.obn.org.uk)

Organisation supporting and bringing together the UK's emerging life science companies, corporate partners and investors.

## BIOTECHNOLOGY

[www.bioindustry.org](http://www.bioindustry.org)

The UK BioIndustry Association (BIA).

[www.bio.org](http://www.bio.org)

The Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO).

<https://bbsrc.ukri.org/>

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council.

## BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

[www.ibms.org](http://www.ibms.org)

The Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS).

[www.biomedicalscientistjobs.co.uk](http://www.biomedicalscientistjobs.co.uk)

Find the latest Biomedical Scientist jobs.

[www.themedicportal.com/application-guide/](http://www.themedicportal.com/application-guide/)

All the information you need if you plan to apply for medicine.

## MARINE BIOLOGY, ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECOLOGY

[www.mba.ac.uk/careers](http://www.mba.ac.uk/careers)

The Marine Biological Association (MBA) careers pages.

[www.imarest.org/membership/education-careers/careers-in-the-marine-profession](http://www.imarest.org/membership/education-careers/careers-in-the-marine-profession)

The Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology.

[www.cieem.net](http://www.cieem.net)

Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management.

[www.britishecologicalsociety.org](http://www.britishecologicalsociety.org)

The British Ecological Society aims to advance ecology and make it count.

## GENETICS

[www.bsgm.org.uk](http://www.bsgm.org.uk)

The British Society for Genetic Medicine (BSGM).

[www.genetics.org.uk](http://www.genetics.org.uk)

The Genetics Society.

[www.ed.ac.uk/mrc-human-genetics-unit](http://www.ed.ac.uk/mrc-human-genetics-unit)

The Medical Research Council Human Genetics Unit.

## CAREERS IN THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY

[careers.abpi.org.uk](http://careers.abpi.org.uk)

Careers in the pharmaceutical industry.

[www.abpi.org.uk/membership/abpi-members-list/](http://www.abpi.org.uk/membership/abpi-members-list/)

A list of contact details and websites for member organisations of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry.

[www.pharmafile.com](http://www.pharmafile.com)

A leading portal for the pharmaceutical industry, providing industry professionals with pharma news, pharma events, and pharma service company listings.

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

[www.nshcs.hee.nhs.uk/programmes/stp/](http://www.nshcs.hee.nhs.uk/programmes/stp/)

The NHS Scientist Training Programme (STP) has various paid specialisms within laboratory and clinical environments and you'll study for an integrated Masters.

[www.nhsgraduates.co.uk](http://www.nhsgraduates.co.uk)

The NHS graduate management programme.

[www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/science-and-pharmaceuticals/10-alternative-science-careers](http://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/science-and-pharmaceuticals/10-alternative-science-careers)

Alternative careers using a science degree.

[www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/medical-associate-professions/roles-medical-associate-professions/physician-associate](http://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/medical-associate-professions/roles-medical-associate-professions/physician-associate)

Physician Associate is a rapidly growing hands-on medical role dealing with patients.