Scientists Seeking Employment
Starting Your Research

The following information will provide valuable sources of careers and vacancy information for those seeking work within the scientific industries. It will show you what you can do with your degree, what other graduates from your degree have gone on to do and the transferable skills your degree has provided you with. This will help you to target employers and to know where to look for jobs using your scientific skills:

What can you do with your particular degree subject?
prospects.ac.uk/Links/Options

Find out more about particular science occupations:
prospects.ac.uk/Links/Occupations

Science Vacancy Websites

Gradcracker: gradcracker.com
Careers website for science, engineering, maths and technology students. Advertises placements, internships and graduate jobs and has an employer database.

IAESTE: iaeste.org.uk
Paid International course-related work placements, lasting from 6 to 52 weeks, for technical students in over 80 countries, managed by the British Council.

Year In Industry: yini.org.uk
Placements for students interested in all areas of science, with top UK companies

Food Manufacture Jobs: jobs.foodmanufacture.co.uk
Here you can search for scientist jobs in the food industry. Key companies to target in the North West include Kellogg’s, Warburtons and McVitie’s.

Nature Jobs: nature.com/naturejobs/science/welcome
Information about scientific careers, as well as a science jobs board.

Knowledge Transfer Partnership: ktp.innovateuk.org/
Three-way partnership between a business, academic institution and graduate, allowing the graduate to work on a degree related project and receive further training.

Careerscene: careerscene.com
Advertises biomedical science and laboratory medicine vacancies.

Cogent: cogentskills.com
Includes the Industrial Placements Service, designed to increase the number of science student and graduate placements being offered by industry, as well as advertising graduate opportunities.
Information websites and vacancy websites

**New Scientist:** newscientist.com - Includes vacancies and careers advice.

**Nature:** nature.com/nature - Careers information and vacancies.

**Laboratory News:** labnews.co.uk - Includes a directory of companies.

**Environmental Jobs:** environmentpost.co.uk - International environmental and green jobs.

**Science Careers:** sciencecareers.sciencemag.org - Careers advice, employer profiles and vacancies.

**Northwest Science Information:** careers.manchester.ac.uk/whichcareer/science
Information from the University of Manchester about scientific careers and finding opportunities, including work experience.

**UK Science Parks:** ukspa.org.uk - Includes members of science parks and job vacancies.

**Pharmaceutical Industry:** careers.abpi.org.uk/getting-into-the-industry
Information about careers in the pharmaceutical industry and links to pharmaceutical recruiters.

**BioIndustry:** bioindustry.org/home - Information about the UK bioscience sector.

Speculative Applications

Making speculative approaches to employers may also be part of your recruitment strategy. Learn how to research employers and make speculative applications in our online careers guides: mmu.ac.uk/careers/guides.

- Finding opportunities through your contacts and networking.
- Using Social Media for Job Hunting.
- Researching Employers.
- Finding Work.
- Looking for graduate jobs.

Professional Bodies

Helpful, both for vacancies and keeping up with professional developments. Some examples of relevant professional bodies include:

**Institute of Biomedical Science:** ibms.org

**Royal Society of Biology:** rsb.org.uk - Produce a useful booklet ‘Next Steps : Options after a bioscience degree’

**Royal Society of Chemists:** rsc.org

**Institute of Physics:** iop.org and brightrecruits.com - Information and a range of opportunities in physics and engineering
Research Posts

With a number of Universities in the Northwest, there are opportunities to undertake scientific research. Vacancies at Universities across the UK, and internationally, can be found at jobs.ac.uk.

Research Gate researchgate.net/jobs advertises jobs aimed at all disciplines within research and at all levels. It is an international job board.

The Research Councils, who fund a lot of research in the UK, will also advertise opportunities. The website for UK research councils is ukri.org/ and the science related Research Councils are:

Natural Environment Research Council: nerc.ac.uk
Medical Research Council: mrc.ac.uk
Biotechnology & Biological Sciences Research Council: bbsrc.ac.uk
Engineering & Physical Sciences Research Council: epsrc.ac.uk
Science & Technology Facilities Council: stfc.ac.uk

NHS Vacancies

The NHS is a key employer of science graduates. Useful sites include:
jobs.nhs.uk search by location, type of work and register for jobs by email
healthcareers.nhs.uk information service about a career in health.

Scientific Recruitment Agencies

There are a number of recruitment agencies specialising in scientific opportunities. Some will require previous experience but are certainly worth following up. Below is just a sample of some of these:
Reed Scientific: reed.co.uk/jobs/science
Taylor Rollinson: taylorollinson.co.uk
Kelly Scientific: kellyservices.co.uk/uk/careers/areas-of-expertise/science-jobs/
Jobs in Science: jobsinscience.com
Science Recruitment Group: srg.co.uk
Seltek: seltekconsultants.co.uk
Recruitment Holding Ltd: rhl.co.uk
Delta Consultants: delta-consultants.com

You can also search Recruitment Agencies via sector and location at rec.uk.com
The Pharmaceutical Sector

The pharmaceutical sector is a major employer of science graduates in roles including: Licensing, Regulatory & Scientific Affairs, Research & Development, Technician Roles, Manufacturing, Clinical Trials, Medical Information, Engineering and a wide range of Commercial Roles including Marketing, Supply Chain, Finance, Pharmaceutical Sales etc.

Many businesses are global but many of these have a significant presence in the UK. Most of these will employ students and graduates, be it via graduate training programmes, sandwich and summer placements or one off vacancies.

It would be impossible to list all of them in this guide but an excellent starting point to research employers is the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI) abpi.org.uk

Pharmaceutical (Medical) Sales

To search opportunities you could identify employers via the ABPI site mentioned above. Many recruit using Specialist Recruitment Agencies, below is a list of some of these:

Pharmiweb: pharmiweb.com
Pareto: pareto.co.uk
Chase: chasepharmajobs.com
Meta Morphose: meta-morphose.co.uk

General Graduate Vacancy Sources

The following websites list some of the larger graduate training schemes and vacancies. They are not specific to science but can be searched under science. Both graduate jobs and placements are listed on most of these sites. Hard copy directories of graduate employers/vacancies are also available to take away from the Careers & Employability Service Employability Hub, Business School.

Prospects Directory: prospects.ac.uk
Case books By Target: targetjobs.co.uk/career-sectors/science-and-research
The Times top 100: top100graduateemployers.com
Manchester Met’s Online Jobs Board: mmu.ac.uk/findajob

Careers & Employability Service Support

The Careers & Employability Service offers a range of support to Manchester Met students and graduates. For more information visit mmu.ac.uk/careers