

Scientific careers represent a diverse and exciting range of opportunities available to graduates. Work can be within the public and private sectors, academia, teaching, not-for-profit organisations and charities. Some career paths may require [further study and postgraduate qualifications](#), while others will not. Make sure you research your career route carefully.

To find out about the graduate market in the science sector, look at the [Prospects science and pharmaceuticals overview](#) and the [science and research guide from TARGETjobs](#). For information about becoming a registered scientist in the UK, see this [guide from the Science Council](#).

Many scientists choose to use their scientific expertise in other areas including the communication and legal sectors. For careers in science communication please see the [publishing and media sector guide](#). You may also be interested in intellectual property, for which see [Careers in Ideas](#). To find out about careers in other sectors, please see your subject page in Prospects' [What can I do with my degree?](#) section.

Specialist careers websites and professional bodies

As there are many subsectors within the science sector it can be difficult to find a clear route into a profession. Professional bodies are often a good source of support and information at all stages of your career. Below we have listed some of the most prominent professional bodies and specialist careers websites designed to help you start your career in science, research and pharmaceuticals:

General science careers

- [Jobs.ac.uk](#)
- [New Scientist Studentzone](#)
- [Science Career Pathways](#)
- [Vitae](#) (for academic research)

Physics

- [Careers information and resources](#) by the [Institute of Physics \(IOP\)](#)
- [Careers from physics](#)
- [Nuclear sector jobs](#)
- [Space Careers](#)
- [Physics World Careers](#)
- [Royal Astronomical Society careers pages](#)

Chemistry

- [A Future in Chemistry](#) by the [Royal Society of Chemistry \(RSC\)](#)
- [Chemistry world careers](#)
- [Mendeley](#)
- [Nuclear sector jobs](#)

Earth sciences

- [Geology Career Pathways](#) by [The Geological Society](#) and [University Geoscience UK](#)
- [Careers in Paleontology](#) by the [Paleontological Association](#)
- [Royal Astronomical Society careers pages](#) (Geophysics)

Geographical sciences

- [Careers with Geography](#) by the [Royal Geographical Society](#)
- [Paleontological Association Careers](#)

Life sciences

- [BiomedicalScientistJobs.co.uk](#)
- [Careers in biomedical science](#) by the [Institute of Biomedical Science](#)
- [Careers and CPD](#) by the [Royal Society of Biology](#)
- [Next Steps: options after a bioscience degree](#), by the [Royal Society of Biology](#)
- [The Bioscience Careers Resource Sheet for Undergraduates](#) by the [Royal Society of Biology](#)

Maths and statistics

- [Inside Careers](#) (Finance)
- [Maths Careers](#) by the [Institute of Mathematics & its Applications \(IMA\)](#)

Pharmaceuticals

- [Careers in pharmacy](#) by the [Royal Pharmaceutical Society](#)
- [Pharmaceutical industry career information](#) by the [Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry \(ABPI\)](#)
- [The Physiological Society](#)
- [The Royal Society](#)
- [Royal Society of Biology](#)
- [The Society of Chemical Industry](#)

Find out more about the sector

It is also helpful to know what the current issues and trends are. Here are a selection of websites helping you build your current awareness of various sub-sectors within science:

- [New Scientist](#)
- [British Science Association](#)
- [Physics World](#) (a paper copy of the journal is available at the Careers Service)
- [PharmaTimes](#)

You can also [talk to alumni](#) working in this sector to get unique insights and advice.

Who has employed Bristol graduates?

The following roles and employers have been sampled from recent graduates and the [LinkedIn Find Alumni](#) tool. These are just a snapshot of the roles and companies Bristol graduates are employed in:

Role	Company
Research Assistant	Queen Mary University of London
Reservoir Engineer	Shell
Senior Patent Counsel	Galapagos
Associate Director, Business Development	inVentiv Health Clinical
Production Technician	Bio Products Laboratory
Analyst	EDF Energy
Graduate Chemist	BP
Research Scientist	Unilever
Project Manager	Horizon Nuclear Power

Sector vacancy websites

The following websites advertise roles relating to the sector:

- [ChemJobs](#)
- [Energyjobonline](#)
- [EuroScienceJobs](#)
- [Gradcracker](#)
- [Graduate-jobs by sector](#)
- [Jobs.ac.uk](#)
- [Jobtensor](#)
- [Mendeley.com \(Life Sciences\)](#)
- [Milkround science and research jobs](#)
- [NewScientist jobs](#)
- [Pharmiweb](#)
- [STEM Graduates](#)