

With a degree in microbiology (or related bioscience subject) you have the choice of many career pathways. You have the technical skills for lab-based employment and knowledge that can be applied to science-related work outside the laboratory. During your degree training you will have developed a range of employer-friendly transferable skills that you can use in any graduate career such as, accountancy, publishing, law and the civil service.

Whether you decide to enter the job market straight after graduation or opt to study further either by carrying out research leading to a PhD or by taking a taught Masters course in a microbiological subject there is a wealth of information and guidance available to help with your decision-making. Your university careers service is ideally placed to give you information and support. They can advise on many issues and their services are often available for some time after graduation. Prospects - the graduate careers website (www.prospects.ac.uk) - is also an excellent source of information, including career options for a wide variety of degree subjects.

Adverts

Jobs and research opportunities are usually advertised in *The Guardian* (Tuesday), *New Scientist* (Thursday), *Nature* (Thursday) and *The Times Higher Education Supplement* (Friday). Many jobs and studentships are advertised on websites:

www.jobs.guardian.co.uk	<i>The Guardian</i>
www.newscientistjobs.com	<i>New Scientist</i>
www.nature.com/naturejobs/	<i>Nature</i>
www.timeshighereducation.co.uk	<i>THE</i>
www.jobs.ac.uk	academic jobs/ studentships
www.jobsinscience.com	Sci-Temps recruitment agency website
www.monster.co.uk	range of science jobs
www.srg.co.uk	Science Recruitment Group website
www.careerscene.com	biomedical science jobs
www.findaphd.com	current PhD studentships
www.findamasters.com	masters courses
www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk	studentships & funding

Resources

If you are considering further study, either by carrying out research leading to a PhD or by taking a taught Masters course in a microbiological subject, some useful books are:

- ▶ *GET 2009*, ISBN 978-1843185581
- job adverts and a guide to taught courses and research opportunities in the UK
- ▶ *Prospects Postgraduate Directory Vol. 2 (Science & Engineering)*
- available for £39.99 from Prospects website or in your careers library
- ▶ *Students' Money Matters* by Gwenda Thomas, ISBN 978-1844551668
- covers student finance issues
- ▶ *Prospects Postgraduate Funding Guide*
- available from university careers services or from Prospects website (£5.99)

Careers information websites

www.postgrad.hobsons.com	- postgraduate study
www.get.hobsons.co.uk	- graduate careers
www.prospects.ac.uk	- CSU graduate information
sciencecareers.sciencemag.org	- articles, advice and resources