

Microbiology Careers

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Options after Graduation

With an undergraduate 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 publishing, law, accountancy, 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.

Careers information websites

www.prospects.ac.uk	careers, jobs and study advice
targetjobs.co.uk	graduate jobs and careers advice
www.postgrad.com	postgraduate study and advice
sciencecareers.sciencemag.org	articles, advice and resources

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Job advertisements

Jobs, studentships and other research opportunities are advertised in newspapers, scientific magazines and journals and on websites.

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

Further study

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 2010** - job advertisements and a guide to taught courses and research opportunities in the UK
- **Prospects Postgraduate Directory Vol. 2 (Science and Engineering)** – available from Prospects website or in your institutes' careers library
- **Prospects Postgraduate Funding Guide** – available from Prospects website or in your institutes' careers library
- **Guide to Student Money 2011** by Gwenda Thomas – covers student finance issues

For information to help you decide whether postgraduate study is for you and what to expect from a PhD consult the researcher careers website Vitae (www.vitae.ac.uk).

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