

Scientists Seeking Employment

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Starting Your Research

The following will provide valuable sources of careers and vacancy information for those seeking a science job. They will help to 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?

www.prospects.ac.uk/Links/Options

What can you do with a Degree?

www.prospects.ac.uk/Links/YourDegree

How to find out more about particular science occupations?

www.prospects.ac.uk/Links/Occupations

General Graduate Vacancy Sources:-

Hard copy directories of graduate employers/vacancies are available to take away from the Careers & Employability Service. These provide details on some of the large graduate training schemes. Examples include:

Prospects Directory: www.prospects.ac.uk

Get Directory by Hobsons: www.get.hobsons.co.uk

Case books By Target: <http://targetjobs.co.uk/science>

The Times top 100: <http://www.top100graduateemployers.com>

See also the MMU Careers & Employability Guide “Job Vacancy Websites (including Graduate Schemes)” available on line at www.mmu.ac.uk/careers or in hard copy from the Careers & Employability Centre on the ground floor of the All Saints Building.

National Newspapers: -

Guardian www.jobs.guardian.co.uk

Wednesdays - Environmental Vacancies

Thursdays – Science/Technical

Times <http://jobs.thetimes.co.uk>

Thursdays - Science

Independent <http://.jobs.independent.co.uk>
Mondays

Daily Telegraph <http://jobs.telegraph.co.uk>
Thursdays (includes Pharmaceutical & Science)

Times Higher Education Supplement <http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/>
Fridays – Education & Academic Research

Local Newspapers: -

Manchester Evening News www.thejobsmine.co.uk
Tuesdays & Thursdays

Jobs North West <http://www.northwestworkplace.com/>
Fridays

Scientific Press: -

A selection of magazines, which may contain suitable science vacancies are: -

New Scientist - www.newscientist.com/

Nature - www.nature.com/nature/

Laboratory News - www.labnews.co.uk

Environment Post - www.eco-uk.com

Science Careers - <http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/>

Journals by Professional Bodies: -

Helpful both for vacancies and keeping up with professional developments, some examples of relevant journals include:

Society of Biology – www.societyofbiology.org

Society of the Chemical Industry - www.chemind.org

Royal Society of Chemists – www.rsc.org

Institute of Materials Minerals and Mining – www.iom3.org

Institute of Physics – www.iop.org/

(Frequency of hard copy publication will vary depending upon society/institute)

It may be useful to contact other Institutes, if you are interested in the career areas they represent, they may provide assistance and publish journals, e.g. The Institute of Quality Assurance.

Scientific Recruitment Agencies: -

There are a number of recruitment agencies who specialize in scientific opportunities. Some will require previous experience but they are certainly worth following up. Below is just a sample of some of these:

Kelly Scientific - www.kellyscientific.co.uk
Jobs in Science – www.jobsinscience.com
Science Recruitment Group – www.srg.co.uk
Seltek – www.seltekconsultants.co.uk
Lab Support Staff – www.labsupport.co.uk
Recruitment Holding Ltd – www.rhl.co.uk
Delta Consultants – www.delta-consultants.com
On Assignment – www.onassignment.com

You can also search Recruitment Agencies via sector and location at www.rec..uk.com
Later in this guide there will be contact details for Agencies who specialise in the Pharmaceutical Sector and in Pharmaceutical Sales

MMU Employability and Careers Service have also produced a guide “Using Recruitment Consultants” available through our web site and in hard copy.

Speculative Applications: -

Making speculative approaches to employers may also be part of your recruitment strategy. Details on how to research employers can be found in the guide “How to find local vacancies in Manchester & the North West” available via www.mmu.ac.uk/careers and in hard copy from The Careers & Employability Service. Also available are a series of “How to...” sheets. Relevant titles include “How to Make Speculative Applications” and “How to Network”

Research Posts: -

Research Assistant posts appear in many of the vacancy sources already outlined (e.g. The Guardian, Times Higher, New Scientist etc). Research vacancies can also be found at www.jobs.ac.uk

The Research Councils who fund a lot of research in the UK will also advertise opportunities. The science related Research Councils are:

Natural Environmental Research Council NERC www.nerc.ac.uk
Medical Research Council MRC www.mrc.ac.uk,
Biotechnology & Biological Sciences Research Council BBSRC www.bbsrc.ac.uk,
Engineering & Physical Sciences Research Council EPSRC www.epsrc.ac.uk
Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council PPARC www.pparc.ac.uk

NHS Vacancies: -

The NHS is a key employer of science graduates. Useful sites include:
www.jobs.nhs.uk search by location, type of work and register for “e-alerts”
www.nhsclinicalscientists.info/ register and apply for Clinical Scientist roles.
www.nhscareers.nhs.uk/ useful web site with careers information on the full range of employment opportunities within the NHS.

Other Useful Sites:-

www.careerscene.com Biomedical Science vacancies
www.oneworld.net/ Vacancies in development work, some of which are science related.
<http://jobs.foodmanufacture.co.uk> Opportunities in the food industry
www.foodrecruitment.co.uk Opportunities in the food industry
<http://jobs.rsc.org/careers> Chemistry related jobs

Please check other sites mentioned in this guide plus the many links on the careers information sites e.g. www.prospects.ac.uk

Other MMU Careers & Employability Guides:-

MMU Careers and Employability have produced a wide range of guides available through our web site and in hard copy. Some of these have already been referred to earlier. The other science related titles are:

“Careers with Forensic Biology”
“Environmental Websites”

The Pharmaceutical Sector:-

The pharmaceutical sector is a major employer of science graduates in roles ranging from 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 & graduates, be it via graduate training programmes, sandwich and summer placements or one off vacancies. It would be impossible to list all in this guide but an excellent starting point to research employers is:

The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI) www.abpi.org.uk

Pharmaceutical (Medical) Sales.

To search opportunities you could identify employers via the ABPI site mentioned above. The Daily Telegraph (mentioned earlier) is also a useful site to look at. Many recruit using Specialist Recruitment Agencies, below is a list of some of these:

www.pharmiweb.com

www.royceconsultancy.com

www.pareto.co.uk

www.chasepharmajobs.com

www.meta-morphose.co.uk

See also the section above on Scientific Recruitment Agencies to research others.