

## BIOSCIENCES

# Where will your postgraduate degree take you?

BELOW IS AN OVERVIEW OF THE KINDS OF EMPLOYMENT SECTORS, ORGANISATIONS AND PROFESSIONS THAT RECENT BIOSCIENCES POSTGRADUATES HAVE ENTERED, BASED ON RESPONSES TO 'DESTINATIONS OF LEAVERS' SURVEYS CONDUCTED SIX MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION.

### Popular employment sectors

- Hospital activities
- Manufacturing
- Other scientific and technical activities
- Research and experimental development on biotechnology
- Research and experimental development on natural sciences and engineering
- Secondary education
- Social work activities
- Technical testing and analysis
- Tertiary education

### Range of employers

- Bat Conservation Trust
- Bristol Regional Environmental Records Centre
- Canal and River Trust
- Delphic HSE Solutions (health, safety and environmental management systems)
- Fine Energy
- Intertek (quality and safety services)
- Medpharm (specialist pharmaceutical development)
- National Health Service

- North Wales Wildlife Trust
- Reckitt Benckiser
- Roar Forensics
- University of Birmingham
- Birmingham Children's Hospital
- Birmingham Women's Hospital
- NHS

### Range of occupations

- Animal Behaviourist
- Bioscientist
- Drug Safety Associate
- Ecological Consultant
- Ecologist
- Environment Analyst
- Policy Adviser
- Postdoctoral Research Associate
- Postdoctoral Research Fellow
- Regulatory Toxicologist
- Research Scientist
- Specialist in Poison Information
- Teaching Assistant
- Trainee Forensic Scientist



'I decided that I wanted to continue my studies in order to specialise in an area of science that interested me, and also to boost my CV to try and set myself out from the crowd. I was also unsure at this point whether I wanted to stay in academia, or to go straight into the world of work. The MSc therefore gave me the opportunity to improve my future prospects while simultaneously giving me more time to plan my next move.'

The MSc Toxicology course has close links with the National Poisons Information Service, and I was lucky enough to secure a position at the Cardiff office straight after the completion of the MSc. After 2.5 years in Cardiff I began contracting with GSK in London, conducting safety assessments of skin care products using online databases as well as commissioning in vitro studies where required. I have since become a permanent employee at GSK, beginning to focus more on the safety of their oral health products, such as Sensodyne and Aquafresh. My career path has been completely determined by the MSc, I haven't looked back since.'

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