

Searching for Jobs and Work Experience for Chemistry Students

If you are looking for jobs or work experience opportunities, it is important to familiarize yourself with various job search strategies. Unfortunately information is not held in one central location so you will need to use your research and networking skills to develop the strategy that works for you.

Roles in all Sectors (see sections below for science-related):

- If you are interested in any industry/sector, check [MyAdvantage](#), [Prospects](#), [Target Jobs](#). These sites list internships and full time graduate roles. For a full list of search engines see [Researching Jobs](#).
- For search engines specific to different jobs roles, first go to [Prospects Types of Jobs](#), select a job role and then choose 'Employers and Vacancies' from the 'More in this Section' box. This will give you specialist web sites for that job role, for example [Event Organiser](#).
- [LinkedIn](#) is another great place to look for jobs – Choose the 'Jobs' tab and 'Advanced Search' option (note, you can select jobs in a certain geographical area, i.e. close to where you live or want to live!).
- If you know there is a company you want to work for, you can join their Facebook or Twitter feed to learn about opportunities as they arise, e.g. [Deloitte](#), [@Geotech](#)
- Finally consider [networking](#) as a way to access jobs that may not even be advertised (maybe over 50% of all jobs!).
- If you are struggling to find job/internship opportunities, you can visit our [drop in](#) service to discuss this with a job search adviser.

Internships:

General:

- [Student Ladder](#) – a great resource for internship opportunities separated about by job sector and year of your degree when you apply. NB – if you are on a 4 year programme, you may not qualify for a first year insight programme until your second year and a penultimate year programme until your third year – check with companies before applying.

Science Research:

- [Undergraduate Research Support Scheme](#) (URSS) – Summer research opportunities working on campus with Warwick academics.
- [IIPSI Student and Graduate Projects](#) – 4-8 week bursary to work with local Small and Medium Sized firms through WMG's International Institute for Product, Service and Innovation.
- [Royal Society of Chemistry Undergraduate Bursary](#) – Provides a bursary to fund undergraduate research for students in the middle years of their degree.

Science Other:

- [STEP Programme](#) – An organisation that matches students with employers in paid internship and work placement programmes.
- [International Association for the Exchange of Students With Technical Expertise](#) (IAESTE) provides students with a technical (including Chemistry) degrees with paid, course-related training abroad working with a range of employers.
- [RateMyPlacement](#) – You can review companies and internship offerings at this site by job sector.

Graduate Roles/Internships in Chemistry/Science Sector:

- [Student Ladder](#) – a great resource for graduate opportunities separated about by job sector and year of your degree when you apply. NB – if you are on a 4 year programme, you may not qualify for a first year insight programme until your second year. Check with companies on this before applying.
- [Chemistry World Jobs](#) – This is the job search engine of the Royal Society of Chemistry. You can search for jobs and register to get email job updates.
- [OneNucleus](#) – Listing of life science and healthcare companies in the Cambridge/London science corridor – you can send speculative applications to smaller businesses.
- [Nuclear Industry Association Member List](#) – You can browse this list, check company career sites for advertised jobs or send in speculative applications.
- [Chem Jobs](#) – Job search site for Chemindustry.com – Again, you can search by location.
- [New Scientist Jobs](#) – Job search site for New Scientist Magazine.
- [Gradcracker](#) – Site specialising in Engineering and Technology – however, you will see that the link goes to roles where Chemistry Degree is accepted.
- [Access-Science Jobs](#) – Site that breaks down roles into different areas, e.g. analytical, formulation, organic Chemistry. NB, many opportunities are through recruitment agencies – see [Careers Blog](#) for more on recruitment agencies.
- [WISE](#) – The jobs site for Women in Science, Technology and Engineering – at the bottom of the page, you can see employers who WISE considers to have shown a positive attitude to a diverse workforce.
- [UK Science Parks Association](#) - Many organisations where great internships and jobs exist are smaller businesses located on science parks. You can use this site to find companies and approach them for work opportunities. See 'View our Members' and other sections.
- [Research Gate](#) – Opportunities working mostly in Higher Education/research.
- [Healthcare Consultancies](#) – Check on this LSE site for a list of healthcare consulting firms. You can approach these firms for work experience or job opportunities.

Science Policy:

- [Science Campaign Jobs](#) – the jobs site for CASE, the Campaign for Science and Engineering – this page features jobs in science and engineering policy – related pages give you more on this career field.