

## What can I do with a degree in... Life Sciences



### Why Warwick?

- Our graduates are the **most often targeted by the UK's top graduate employers** (*Graduate Market 2017, research conducted by High Fliers Research*)
- In the QS World University Rankings, Warwick is ranked **in the top 25 in the world for employer reputation** (*QS World University Rankings 2016/17*)
- Warwick is **highly ranked in the major university league tables**: 9<sup>th</sup> overall in the Times and Sunday Times (September 2017); 8<sup>th</sup> in the Complete University Guide (April 2017); and 8<sup>th</sup> in the Guardian league table (May 2017)

Employment destinations of our recent graduates\*: [warwick.ac.uk/whatdowarwickgradsdo](http://warwick.ac.uk/whatdowarwickgradsdo).

### About Life Sciences

In addition to subject-specific knowledge of biological systems and concepts, you will develop a range of practical and technical skills and learn how to use specialist techniques and technical equipment. A biology degree also develops more general skills as well as a scientific outlook, which are both attractive to employers in all sectors.

These skills include:

- Communication skills - through report writing and presentations
- Team working skills - through group projects and seminars
- Organisational skills
- Ability to confidently handle diverse data and to draw conclusions
- Problem-solving, project and time management skills
- Self-reliance, initiative and business awareness

### What do Life Science graduates do?

Jobs of recent graduates include:

Accountant, Business Developer, Buying Assistant, Case Graduate Trainee, Civil Servant, Claims Analyst (graduate scheme), Clinical Support Worker, Compliance Analyst, Consultant, Continuous Improvement Projects Specialist, Drug Safety Scientist, Executive Officer, Financial Analyst, Formulation Research Assistant, Global Investment Banking Agency and Trust Team, Global Regulatory Affairs Assistant, Graduate Project Manager

Health Caseworker, Investment Graduate, Journal Assistant, Laboratory Researcher, Manuscript Assistant, Marketing Assistant, Medical Editor, Medical Report Writer, Product Development Scientist, Risk And Control Analyst, Technical Officer, Toxicology Analyst

### Sectors where graduates were working include:

Finance, Healthcare and Medicine, Biotechnology, Pharmaceuticals, Education, Charity Sector, Publishing.

### Further study undertaken by graduates includes:

PhD in Food Sciences, PhD in Biological Sciences, PhD Molecular and Structural Biology, MSc in Biotechnology and Enterprise, MSc Bioinformatics, MSc Neuroscience, MSc in Healthcare Operational Management, MSc Climate Change Science and Policy, MBChB in Medicine, Physician Associate Studies.

#### Mai-Linh Nguyen Bsc Biomedical Science 2015

“I really enjoyed the positive and encouraging atmosphere at Warwick, both within my department and around the University in general. There was always a large and diverse supply of opportunities to try new things and further your development. The academics and University staff were also really supportive and were great at pushing you to do that little bit more to improve your skills.

My experience at Warwick definitely made me more confident and open minded about going outside of my comfort zone. My enjoyment of volunteering and running University societies Warwick Inspire and Warwick DofE motivated me to pursue a career in the charity sector. Since graduating, I have had two jobs with Diabetes UK. In my current role as Volunteer Support Officer, I am responsible for recruiting and coordinating over 200 volunteers across the Midlands region.

Studying a rigorous science degree and engaging in a variety of voluntary and employment opportunities during my time at Warwick gave me a competitive skill set and the confidence to take on the challenges of breaking into a completely different sector.”

### What do graduate recruiters look for?

- ✓ A good degree from a good university
- ✓ Work experience
- ✓ Involvement in extra-curricular activities
- ✓ The ability to describe and articulate their unique achievements and skills

### Opportunities available at Warwick include:

- Academic study skills support
- Careers support from our professionally trained staff
- Opportunities to meet recruiters and attend events
- More than 200 clubs and societies
- Help finding work experience
- Free careers support after graduation

\*The government requires all universities to survey graduates six months after they leave to ask about their employment circumstances, through the Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education survey. For some career paths graduates need to gain relevant experience, often at non-graduate level. It may therefore take some graduates longer than others to secure a graduate-level job.