



Graduate Outcomes 2017/18

Full-time UK domiciled first degree graduates - 15 months after Bath

The University of Bath has an excellent record of graduate employment, and often features near the top in league tables. Across all subjects, 90% of Bath graduates who are employed in the UK are in high skilled employment, compared to 74% nationally. Hundreds of employers of all sizes and from all industries each year advertise vacancies, deliver presentations or network with our students; we are in the top 20 universities targeted by employers*.

The information shown here is from the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) Graduate Outcomes survey 2017/18. It is the biggest UK annual social survey and captures the perspectives and current status of recent graduates, 15 months after leaving university.

Chemical engineers change the world by transforming ideas into products and services in an ethical, safe, responsible and efficient way. With a chemical engineering degree, you could tackle important social challenges and improve quality of life. You could have a role in providing clean water and sanitation, recovering valuable materials and energy from waste, developing and delivering food, or improving healthcare and chemical products. With a comprehensive understanding of process design and the ability to develop industrial strategies, your critical thinking and problem-solving skills enable you to progress into the wide range of process engineering roles or equally to move into a business-focused role.

Courses included:

- Biochemical Engineering MEng
- Chemical Engineering BEng/Meng

Response rate	
Total in 2017/18 cohort	85 [#]
% response rate	74%

[#]Number rounded to the nearest multiple of five

Graduate outcomes by activity

Activity summary	
Employment	90%
Voluntary / unpaid work	-
Employment & further study	2%
Further study	2%
Other: travel, caring, retired	5%
Unemployed [§]	2%
Total	100%

Note: Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding. Activity defined using HESA XACTIVITY: takes account of all activities and most important activity.

[§]Unemployed includes those due to start work or study

Industries and employers

Chemical Engineering is among the most versatile of degrees. Graduates can find work in any sector which uses chemical processes, including water, energy, food and drink, packaging, healthcare, chemicals and pharmaceuticals.

Employers range from start-ups exploring new technologies to worldwide conglomerates and companies producing the goods you consume each day.

Chemical Engineering graduates seeking variety, or a greater business focus can use their process and analytical skills in finance, business or technical consulting, technology and environmental organisations.

The most frequent of the industry categories are:

- Information and communication
- Manufacturing
- Professional, scientific and technical activities

Examples of employers for the 2017/18 cohort:

- Acturis
- Atkins
- Deloitte
- Mars
- Procter & Gamble
- Schlumberger

Occupations and job titles

Many of our Chemical Engineering graduates progress into careers as process engineers - but this can be called different things in different industries so expect to see specialist titles such as nuclear engineer and also titles denoting the type or location of work, such as field or shift engineer.

As well as responsibility for processes, chemical engineers are involved in research and development for new products, and work in environment-focused roles in large industries.

The mathematical and programming skills used in chemical engineering are very valuable in business, especially finance and software/technology roles.

The vast majority of our UK employed Chemical Engineering graduates are in high skilled employment (92%). High skilled employment includes these three categories:

- Managers, directors and senior officials
- Professional occupations
- Associate professional and technical occupations

Examples of job titles for the 2017/18 cohort:

- Energy Specialist
- Management Consultant / Business Analyst
- Production / Process Engineer
- Software Engineer
- Sustainability consultant

More information

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More information is available about how the Careers Service supports current and prospective students, as well as graduates from Bath: bath.ac.uk/careers