



Graduate Outcomes 2018/19

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, 89% of Bath 2018/19 graduates who are employed in the UK are in high skilled employment, compared to 72% 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 15 universities targeted by employers*.

The information shown here is from the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) Graduate Outcomes survey 2018/19. It is the biggest UK annual social survey and captures the perspectives and current status of recent graduates, 15 months after leaving university.

Pharmacists are experts in medicines and their use, training as scientists and clinicians. As a pharmacist, you can work in hospitals, GP surgery and in a high street chemist. Pharmacists need a unique blend of scientific and interpersonal skills. Throughout your degree you will develop the ability to work methodically and compassionately. You will be highly numerate with excellent attention to detail. As a practicing pharmacist you will regularly work and interact with a wide range of healthcare professionals. Pharmacists also work in education, business, and research environments.

Courses included:

- Pharmacy MPharm

Response rate	
Total in 2018/19 cohort	90 [#]
% response rate	60%

[#]Number rounded to the nearest multiple of five

Graduate outcomes by activity

Activity summary	
Employment	70%
Voluntary / unpaid work	-
Employment & further study	17%
Further study	-
Other: travel, caring, retired	7%
Unemployed ^{\$}	6%
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

According to the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, Pharmacists represent the third largest profession in the UK, behind doctors and nurses. Pharmacists are often the first healthcare professional that the public will have contact with when seeking treatment. Increasingly, pharmacists are involved in front-line healthcare.

Pharmacists also work in research and development within pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, creating new drugs and delivery methods. There are opportunities to work in clinical trials in industry and within the NHS.

Some pharmacists pursue careers in regulatory affairs where they work on developing new scientific and pharmaceutical products, ensuring they are created safely and in a manner that will allow them to secure licences for commercial distribution. Some graduates pursue business careers such as consulting, which involves guiding businesses about medications and pharmacy services.

The most frequent of the industry categories are:

- Human health and social work activities
- Wholesale and retail trade

Examples of employers for the 2018/19 cohort:

- Alliance Boots
- Bristol Myers Squibb
- Lloyds Pharmacy
- NHS

Occupations and job titles

To work as a pharmacist, you will be required to undertake pre-registration training after you complete your degree, during which you will be supervised by an experienced pharmacist and receive on-the-job training. Your pre-registration year could be in a community pharmacy, a hospital setting, with a drug company (industry) or a combination of two of these.

It's a common misconception that all registered pharmacists work within hospital or community pharmacies; in fact, there are a wide range of career paths available for you to pursue. Opportunities range from working in research, consulting, sales to supply chain and manufacturing.

The vast majority of our UK employed Pharmacy graduates are in high skilled employment. High skilled employment includes these three categories:

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

Examples of job titles for the 2018/19 cohort:

- Medical Affairs Graduate
- Paediatric Pharmacist
- Pre-registration Pharmacist - Community
- Pre-registration Pharmacist - Hospital

Further study

Some Pharmacy graduates may pursue further study to develop expertise in a specialist field. This can include vocational courses such as a PGCE to train as teachers, graduate entry into medicine or a PhD to research a novel drug and vaccine discovery

More information

Find out what Bath graduates from other courses do: go.bath.ac.uk/graduate-outcomes

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

Source: HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey for 2018/19 leavers relating to full-time UK domiciled first-degree University of Bath graduates, 15 months after leaving university.

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