

## Graduate Outcomes 2020/21

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

The University of Bath has an excellent record of graduate employment, featuring in the top ten for graduate prospects in three major national league tables\*. Across all subjects, 92% of Bath 2020/21 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 15 universities targeted by employers†.

The information shown here is from the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) Graduate Outcomes survey for 2020/21 leavers. 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 surgeries and high street pharmacies. 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 2020/21 cohort	65 <sup>§</sup>
<b>% response rate</b>	<b>67%</b>

<sup>§</sup>Number rounded to the nearest multiple of five

### Graduate outcomes by activity

Activity summary	
Employment	84%
Voluntary/unpaid work	-
Employment and further study	9%
Further study	2%
Other: travel, caring, retired	4%
Unemployed <sup>§</sup>	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

<sup>§</sup>Unemployed includes those due to start work or study.

\*6th in the Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024, 4th in the Complete University Guide 2024, and 4th in the Guardian University Guide 2024

#Compared with [all Universities UK members](#).

†The Graduate Market in 2024, High Fliers Research.

## 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 2020/21 cohort:

- Allied Pharmacy
- Hywel Dda University Health Board
- NHS
- St George's Hospital
- Well Pharmacy

## 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.

All 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 2020/21 cohort:

- Clinical Rotational Pharmacist
- Outpatient Pharmacist
- Pre-Registration Pharmacist
- Specialist psychiatric pharmacist

## 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](https://go.bath.ac.uk/graduate-outcomes).

More information is available about how Careers supports current and prospective students, as well as graduates from Bath: [bath.ac.uk/careers](https://bath.ac.uk/careers).