Welcome from the Careers Service

Making the most of your penultimate year: School of Chemistry

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Things to do this year

• Get some experience – it doesn’t have to be an ‘internship’ to count

• Take stock -> what have you achieved so far? Where are the gaps?

• Build your connections -> get LinkedIn

• Find out what’s out there

• Attend some careers events -> might spark an interest
Because you’ll be at different stages ->

- **Understand yourself** – skills, values, strengths

- **Discover what’s out there** – jobs, courses, sectors

- **Build experience** – participate, volunteer, intern

- **Become professional** – confident, adaptable, independent

- **Make it happen** – plan, apply, succeed

[www.ed.ac.uk/careers/compass](http://www.ed.ac.uk/careers/compass)
Student Guide: "what to try" years 3 (and 4 if MChem)

- The Student Guide can be used to help you record what you’ve done and plan what comes next: [www.ed.ac.uk/careers/compass](http://www.ed.ac.uk/careers/compass)
- Each of the 5 segments has prompts for things to try/do/explore -> think of these as ‘quick wins’
Careers Service ‘toolkits’ – in “Learn”

- Online, interactive, self-guided resources
- Go at your own pace -> dip in & out
- Lots of hints, tips & clips!
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Discover what’s out there if you haven’t had chance to do much career research.

Build experience if your ideas are starting to take shape.
Careers Essentials: Interact, Watch, Explore

• e-brochure outlining the live sessions we are running centrally this semester
• points you to relevant videos on Media Hopper and other resources that can help you

These include:
• webinars and workshops
• Top Tips series: Applications, CVs, Interviews, Psychometric Tests
• Information on our PGT, PGR & Graduate programmes of support
• Careers week/ flagship events info

https://www.ed.ac.uk/careers/essentials
A few reminders:

• You have a lot to offer - use the Careers Compass Student Guide & Toolkits to take stock of where you are now or plan some things to do this year

• You don’t have to do everything all at once – if you get stuck, talk to us.

• Follow our blogs Inform.ed & Chemical Careers and socials to keep up to date - get to grips with the job market!

• Some internships will have early closing dates

• …but also remember many sectors won’t offer structured internships.

• If you not sure what to do yet, give Employ.Ed internships a go.
We are here to help

• We are available online & in-person
• Check out our website
• Want to ask us a question
• Want to live chat?
• In a hurry….use our ‘quick links’
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