Welcome from the Careers Service

Making the most of your final year: School of Chemistry

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You might be feeling a bit like this…. 

_My brain has too many tabs open_
Things to do this year

• Take stock -> what have you accomplished over the past 3/4 years

• Address any skills or knowledge gaps -> you HAVE time!

• (start to…) develop your ‘career narrative’ -> **what** have you done, **why** have you done it, **what** did you learn, **how** will you sell it?

• If you have a clear aim, work back and define the steps you need to take i.e. recruitment process, timelines

• Explore options -> outside specific vocational pathways, very few careers are linear...you might be suited to/interested in 4/5 different careers
Careers Compass - make it work for you

- 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
Student Guide - "what to try" (final year)

- 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’

Inspiring futures
Careers Service ‘toolkits’  www.ed.ac.uk/careers/compass

- Online, interactive, self-guided resources
- Go at your own pace -> dip in & out
- Lots of hints, tips & clips!

Inspiring futures  Understand myself TK if you are starting to think about your career now

Make it happen TK if are you ready to take action
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:

• Focus on the **positive** things you have done over the past year -> build this into your personal story

• Don’t let fear & panic overwhelm you – we can help!

• Remember: the ‘graduate’ job market is much more diverse & differentiated than it seems

• Yes, Covid has had an impact but the job market IS improving

• If you want to apply **this year** check our deadlines (for jobs & PG study)
We are here to help

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