



Student Intentions: December 2010

Contact details

Name	
CFS email	
Degree programme (TICK ONE ANSWER) Year of study (TICK ONE ANSWER)	
Biological Sciences (all)	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/>
Medical Biochemistry	<input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/>
Medical Genetics	<input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/>
Medical Physiology	<input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/>
Medical Microbiology	<input type="radio"/>

This questionnaire is part of a project funded by the UK Centre for Bioscience to investigate the career intentions and destinations of bioscience students at the University of Leicester. The information will be used to develop the curriculum and systems to help students manage their careers. The project is a collaboration between the GENIE CETL and the Student Support and Development Service (SSDS).

All responses will be treated as confidential to the GENIE CETL and SSDS.

All personal data will be handled in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Contributors will not be identified in any published reports or papers.

We ask for a name and a contact email address to allow us to check who has already responded.

This questionnaire may be followed up with another at a later date.

For further information on the project email Dr Mark Goodwin at majg1@le.ac.uk

'Tick boxes' which look like this require you to tick ONE ANSWER ONLY.

'Tick boxes' which look like this require you to tick ALL THE ANSWERS WHICH APPLY TO YOU.

Section A: Current plans for after graduation?

Q1 Which of the following BEST describes your current situation? (TICK ONE ANSWER)
If you are currently considering more than one option, please indicate your preferred choice.

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| I am looking / intend to look for employment (including internships or apprenticeships) | <input type="radio"/> | PLEASE GO TO SECTION B |
| I already have an offer of employment (including internships or apprenticeships) | <input type="radio"/> | PLEASE GO TO SECTION C |
| I am looking / I intend to look for a place for further study | <input type="radio"/> | PLEASE GO TO SECTION D |
| I already have a place for further study | <input type="radio"/> | PLEASE GO TO SECTION E |
| I do not intend to be employed and will NOT be looking for employment, further study or training | <input type="radio"/> | PLEASE GO TO SECTION F |
| I will probably be permanently unable to work/retired | <input type="radio"/> | |
| I will probably be unable to work/looking after the home or family | <input type="radio"/> | |
| I intend to take time out in order to travel | <input type="radio"/> | |
| I haven't decided / don't know | <input type="radio"/> | |
| I intend to do something else (please give details below) | <input type="radio"/> | |

Section B: Employment after graduation (intentions)

Q2 If you are looking / intend to look for employment after graduation (including internships or apprenticeships), which of the following BEST describes your main intention? (TICK ONE ANSWER)

I intend to be employed full-time in paid work

I intend to be employed part-time in paid work

I intend to be self-employed / freelance / start my own business

I intend to be engaged full-time in voluntary work / other unpaid work

I intend to be engaged part-time in voluntary work / other unpaid work

Q3 If you intend to look for employment after graduation, please indicate the following:

The area(s) of work (e.g. laboratory research, marketing, education)

Not known

The type(s) of role (e.g. research scientist, campaign manager, technician)

Not known

The type(s) of employer (e.g. the NHS, a marketing company, higher education)

Not known

The location(s) (e.g. London, the north-east, overseas)

Not known

PLEASE GO TO SECTION F

Section C: Employment after graduation (existing plans)

If you already have an offer of employment after graduation (including voluntary or other unpaid work) please continue with this section. If you know that you will have more than one job after graduation, please tell us about your main job.

Q4 What will your job title be?

Q5 Briefly describe what your duties will be (as far as you know).

Q6 Which of the following **BEST** describes the basis on which you will be employed after graduation?
(TICK ONE ANSWER)

- On a permanent contract
- On a fixed-term contract lasting 12 months or longer
- On a fixed-term contract lasting less than 12 months
- Self-employed/freelance
- Temporarily, through an agency
- Temporarily, other than through an agency
- Other (please give details)

Q7 What will your annual salary be, to the nearest thousand (£), before tax? If you will be employed for less than a year or will be part-time, please estimate your pay to the full-time annual equivalent.

£: I do not wish to give this information

Q8 What is the name of the organisation you will be working for?

Q9 What does the organisation you will be working for do?

Q10 Where will your place of work be? (If in UK, please include postcode if known)

Q11 Approximately how many people work in the entire organisation (as far as you know)?

1 to 49 50 to 249 250 or more Don't know

Q12 Is the qualification you are working towards necessary for this job (the actual qualification, not the subject)? (TICK ONE ANSWER)

- Yes: the qualification is a formal requirement/expected
- Possibly: but the qualification did give me an advantage
- No
- Don't know

Q13 In your opinion, which of the following is most important to your future employer about your qualification? (TICK ONE ANSWER)

- The subject(s) studied: e.g. Medical Biochemistry
- The level of study: e.g. BSc
- The grade: e.g. 2:1
- A combination of the above
- Don't know

Q14 Why did you decide to take this job? (TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

- It fits into my career plan / it is exactly the type of work I want
- It is the best job offer I have received/the only job offer I have received
- It is an opportunity to join this organisation
- To see if I will like the type of work involved
- To gain experience to get the type of job I really want
- In order to earn a living/pay off my debts
- It is in the right location
- The job is well-paid

Q15 How did you find out about this job? (TICK ONE ANSWER)

- Information from the University of Leicester
- Newspaper/magazine advertisement
- Employer's website
- Recruitment agency/website (e.g. jobs.ac.uk)
- Personal contacts, including family and friends, networking
- Speculative application
- I have already worked there
- Another way (please give details overleaf)

Q16 Have you worked for this employer before or during your degree studies? (TICK ONE ANSWER)

Yes: before my degree

Yes: during my degree

Yes: both before and during my degree

No: **GO TO SECTION F**

Q17 In which of the ways listed below have you worked for this employer? (TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

On a work placement

On another kind of placement or project work

As a holiday job

Full-time or part-time work all year round

Full-time or part-time work during term time

In other ways (please specify)

PLEASE GO TO SECTION F

Section D: Further study, training or research (intentions)

If you intend to undertake further study or training but have no fixed arrangements please continue with this section.

Q18 On what basis do you intend to be involved in full-time or part-time study or training, or registered as a research student? (TICK ONE ANSWER)

- Full-time
- Part-time
- Registered as a distance-learning student
- Engaged in private, unsupervised study

Q19 Which of the following BEST describes the type of qualification you will be aiming for? (TICK ONE ANSWER)

- Higher degree, mainly by research (e.g. MRes, PhD)
- Higher degree, mainly by taught course (e.g. MA, MSc)
- Postgraduate diploma or certificate (e.g. PGCE)
- Undergraduate or postgraduate dentistry or medicine
- Another first degree (e.g. BA, BSc)
- Other diploma or certificate
- Professional qualification (e.g. accountancy)
- Other qualification (e.g. a language certificate)
- Not aiming for a qualification

Q20 In which subject area would you like to study, train or research?

Q21 Why have you decided to undertake further study, training or research? (TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

- To develop a broader or more specialist range of skills or knowledge
- To change or improve my career options
- Because I am interested in the subject matter
- Because I have enjoyed my first course and want to continue studying
- I want to go on being a student/I want to postpone job hunting
- I doubt that I will be able to find a suitable job
- Other (please give details)

Q22 How do you intend to fund your study, training or research? (TICK ONE ANSWER)

- Self-funding (e.g. savings/loans/employment)
- Grant or award (e.g. research council studentship, LEA award for PGCE)
- Sponsorship
- Financial support from an employer
- Don't know
- Other (please give details)

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Section E: Further study, training or research (existing plans)

If you know that you will be undertaking further study or training, or will be registered as a research student after graduation, please continue with this section.

Q23 Which of the following BEST describes the basis on which you will continue to study, train or research after graduation? (TICK ONE ANSWER)

- Full-time
- Part-time
- Registered as a distance-learning student
- Engaged in private, unsupervised study

Q24 Which of the following BEST describes the type of qualification you will be aiming for? (TICK ONE ANSWER)

- Higher degree, mainly by research (e.g. MRes, PhD)
- Higher degree, mainly by taught course (e.g. MA, MSc)
- Postgraduate diploma or certificate (e.g. PGCE)
- Undergraduate or postgraduate medicine
- Another first degree (e.g. BA, BSc)
- Other diploma or certificate
- Professional qualification (e.g. accountancy)
- Other qualification (e.g. a language certificate)
- Not aiming for a qualification

Q25 What is the name of the course you are registered on? (e.g. MSc in Molecular Genetics)

Q26 In what subject area will you be studying, training or researching?

Q27 What is the name of the institution at which you have a place?

Q28 Why did you decide to undertake further study, training or research? (TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

To develop a broader or more specialist range of skills or knowledge

To change or improve my career options

Because I was interested in the content of the course

Because I had enjoyed my first course and wanted to continue studying

I wanted to go on being a student/I wanted to postpone job hunting

I had been unable to find a suitable job

Other (please give details)

Q29 How will you mainly fund your further study, training or research? (TICK ONE ANSWER)

Self-funding (e.g. savings/loans/employment)

Grant or award (e.g. research council studentship, LEA award for PGCE)

Sponsorship

Financial support from an employer

Don't know

Other (please give details)

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Section F: General

Q30 Do you have a long-term career aim? If YES, please give details:

Yes No

Q31 Do you feel you know enough about career paths to meet your long-term career aims?

Yes No

**Q32 Which of the following BEST describes the reason for choosing the bioscience degree programme you are currently studying at the University of Leicester?
(TICK ONE ANSWER)**

- It was an essential part of my career plan
- To change or improve my career options
- Because I was interested in the content of the course
- I didn't get a place on my original choice of course
- The student experience was more important than the choice of course
- Other (please give details)

PLEASE GO TO SECTION G BELOW

Section G

Please take a few minutes to ensure that you have completed ALL the questions which apply to you, and that you have completed them accurately. Please sign and date the form below:

Your signature

Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

THANK YOU!