**General Employability FAQ’s - open day**

* **What support will I get in the Faculty of Biological Sciences in my career planning?**

Access to book 1-2-1 career appointments with faculty careers staff, support to find and apply for Industrial placement year and study abroad year, monthly career opportunity newsletters, Faculty Facebook Employability group, regular events and presentations throughout the year from employers and FBS graduates in key career areas. Faculty career resources in minerva and the FBS Careers website. This is in addition to the wider support from the university careers service.

* **Can you help me find work experience or a short term internship?**

In addition to the opportunity to undertake a ‘year in industry’ in your 3rd year, there are opportunities for internships (both lab and office based) in the faculty in your 1st and second year as well as the Leeds Internship scheme managed by the central careers service. We can advise you also in gaining work experience, internship & volunteering opportunities in external organisations and support you in your applications.

* **Will I get opportunities to meet relevant employers related to my career interests?**

As well as opportunities to meet employers in regular faculty presentations, there are several career fair events throughout the year including the STEM career fair in the Autumn term with hundreds of employers with opportunities to offer. You are able to book appointments with employers in both 1-2-1 and group sessions.

In the faculty we also hold regular FBS alumni-student networking events which gives insight into working for particular organisations/companies.

* **Will I have access to a career mentor?**

The university careers service provides currently 2 opportunities/year to join e-mentoring schemes. An alumni leadership mentoring programme is also available for application - to run during your final year of study.

Faculty specific mentoring schemes may also be available.

* **What kind of careers do Faculty of Biological Sciences students go into?**

Students enter a wide range of careers after their degree, including:

* + Further study (Masters, PhD)
  + Lab based careers in the pharmaceutical industry, academia, sports science, forensic science and agriculture and plant science
  + Clinical roles, usually after further study, including the NHS Scientist Training Programme (with specialisms such as cardiac, respiratory, biochemistry and genomic counselling), Graduate Entry Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Studies, Physician Associates and allied health professions such as physiotherapy and occupational therapy.
  + Field based careers in ecology, zoology and conservation, including marine conservation
  + Computational biology, ‘omics’, bioinformatics, ‘big data’
  + Science communication including medical communications, journalism, broadcasting, publishing, PR and advertising
  + Roles in Fast Moving Consumer Goods companies including scientific research roles
  + Non-lab pharmaceutical roles including medical sales, regulatory and legal
  + Other scientific roles including patent law and teaching
  + Other sport science related roles including sports rehabilitation, physiologist, community sport development, fitness coach, nutritional specialist and roles in national sports organisations such as GB Rowing.
  + Science and non-science roles in national and local government
  + Non-science roles including management consultancy, law, accounting and recruitment consultancy