## Looking for placements in Chemistry

For interesting information, ideas and weblinks see: [https://www.ratemyplacement.co.uk/science-and-research](https://www.ratemyplacement.co.uk/science-and-research)

### Key national industry chemistry related 1-year work placements

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| Pfizer                | [https://www.pfizer.co.uk/undergraduate-placements](https://www.pfizer.co.uk/undergraduate-placements) | - Research & Development  
  -  Analytical Research and Development  
  -  Pharmaceutical Sciences  
- Commercial  
  -  Finance & Procurement  
  -  Marketing  
  -  Human Resources  
  -  Worldwide Safety and Regulatory  
  -  Business Technology |
| Merck Sharp & Dohme   | [https://www.msd-uk.com/careers/students-and-grads.xhtml](https://www.msd-uk.com/careers/students-and-grads.xhtml) | Very wide range including: clinical research, marketing, IT, engineering and technology.... |
| Astra Zenec           | [https://careers.astrazeneca.com/students](https://careers.astrazeneca.com/students) | Chemistry research; Bioscience research |
| AkzoNobel             | [https://www.akzonobel.com/careers/graduates-and-students](https://www.akzonobel.com/careers/graduates-and-students) | Overseas including Germany, Brazil, the Netherlands, Sweden. |
| Unilever              | [https://www.unilever.co.uk/careers/](https://www.unilever.co.uk/careers/) | - Research & development  
- Business – HR, Supply Chain etc |
- Commercial |
| Johnson Matthey       | [https://matthey.com/careers](https://matthey.com/careers) | |
| Lubrizol              | [https://www.lubrizol.com/Careers](https://www.lubrizol.com/Careers) | - Chemical engineering  
- Business related |
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**Finding other options**

- Use CareerHub to find relevant placement opportunities – we advertise key research placements
- See the Careers sector guides for further vacancy sites that you can look at in the sector you’re interested in:
  - Food drink FMCG - [http://guides.careers.sussex.ac.uk/food-drink-fmcg/jobs](http://guides.careers.sussex.ac.uk/food-drink-fmcg/jobs)
  - Energy & utilities: [http://guides.careers.sussex.ac.uk/energy-utilities/jobs](http://guides.careers.sussex.ac.uk/energy-utilities/jobs)
  - Biotechnology - [http://guides.careers.sussex.ac.uk/bio/jobs](http://guides.careers.sussex.ac.uk/bio/jobs)
  - See full range of sector guides: [http://www.sussex.ac.uk/careers/careerchoices/researchingcareers](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/careers/careerchoices/researchingcareers)
- Life Science related organisations in Sussex:
  - [https://locateeastsussex.org.uk/health-life-sciences](https://locateeastsussex.org.uk/health-life-sciences)
- You can use graduate recruitment directories to research opportunities to explore online:
  - [https://jobs.chemistryworld.com/landingpage/8659/internships/](https://jobs.chemistryworld.com/landingpage/8659/internships/)
  - [www.ratemyplacement.co.uk](http://www.ratemyplacement.co.uk)
  - [www.prospects.ac.uk/graduate-jobs](http://www.prospects.ac.uk/graduate-jobs)
  - [https://www.gradcracker.com/search/chemical-process-engineering-work-placements-internships](https://www.gradcracker.com/search/chemical-process-engineering-work-placements-internships)
  - [http://targetjobs.co.uk](http://targetjobs.co.uk)
Useful resources for a creative job search

If you want to find organisations to contact and ask if they could offer you a placement year, have a look at the following:

- **www.linkedin.com** - If you are a member of LinkedIn, you can join groups which are relevant to your interests. This will let you see where other group members work. You can also search companies by keyword and filter by location etc.
- **www.ukspa.org.uk** - the UK Science Parks Association site has links to science parks across the UK, e.g. Cambridge Science Park directory of organisations - https://www.cambridgesciencepark.co.uk/company-directory/
- **www.rcuk.ac.uk** - Government research centres and institutes are normally funded (at least in part) by one of the UK Research Councils. Check each Research Council for lists of its funded institutes.
- **www.bionow.co.uk** - a NW membership organisation for bioscience, biomedical and life-sciences, drug discovery and development and more. The site includes news, a members’ directory and jobs.
- **http://unitedlifesciences.org** - links to other organisations like Bionow across the UK and beyond.
- **www.labhoo.com** - searchable directory of thousands of companies with a detailed level of classification.
- **www.airto.co.uk/our-members.html** - AIRTO is a membership organisation for a number of commercial and government funded research organisations and institutes.

**Writing a cover letter to ask for a placement:**

- Example speculative cover letter:
• Remember to add in to your letter to them a link to information on our website about how to go about employing a placement year student: http://www.sussex.ac.uk/about/recruit-graduates-students/placements

• Include your CV – find out about the skills required in the kind of job you’re interested in by looking at the job profiles on https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles