

# Pharmaceutical Industry Careers Website



**The benefits of new medicines are felt by people all over the world. But, while you can clearly see the improvements that these medicines make to millions of people's lives, there's a lot more to the pharmaceutical industry than most people realise.**

ABPI, the trade association representing the pharmaceutical industry, has developed this website to highlight the opportunities available within the industry.

Pharmaceutical company employees are all focused on a single task – delivering effective medicines for patients. Industry scientists and engineers work at the cutting edge of science and technology, using state of the art techniques to deliver the medicines of the future. Their commercial colleagues aim to ensure that doctors are aware of new medicines to provide patients with the best available treatment.

Research and development (R&D) lies at the heart of the pharmaceutical industry. Of the 72,000 people employed directly by pharmaceutical companies in the UK, 26,000 work in pharmaceutical research and development, many of them highly skilled scientists.



**One sixth of  
the most popular  
prescription  
medicines were  
developed in  
the UK**



Our careers website includes case studies of over 80 individual people who actually work in the industry; from people who joined the industry straight from school, through to those with postgraduate degrees and postdoctoral experience. We have a poster featuring some of these people too, this can be ordered through the website.

The site also provides a searchable database of pharmaceutical and contract research companies – an excellent starting place if you are looking for a work placement or a job.

To find out how you could contribute to the discovery, development or supply of new medicines in the UK visit the website.