



Competencies for Food Graduate Careers

Graduate Scheme

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Graduate Schemes are fairly simple, 2-3 year contracts. There may be 2 or 3 posts undertaken during the scheme, possibly on a number of sites, plus extra central training or support provided over the period by the company. On completion usually offered a permanent role in a technical or other field.

Typical Scheme Names

Technical Graduate Scheme | Company Graduate Scheme | Retail Graduate Scheme



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There are standards for the technical content of UK Food Sciences degrees; but there are more aspects you can develop to support success in the workplace. Industry have outlined what they think may be the most valuable additional skills, knowledge and behaviours for 14 typical graduate roles & this is one of them.

Desirable Elements for this Scheme

Acceptance of Ambiguity
Adaptability
Collaboration
Commercial Awareness
Critical Thinking
Cultural Sensitivity
Decision Making
Emotional Intelligence
Initiative
Leadership

Networking and Relationship Building
Passion for Subject
Personal Responsibility
Positive Attitude
Questioning Approach
Self-Development
Self-Motivated
Teamworking
Verbal Communication
Working Under Pressure

This material has been developed with industry involvement to support graduates, employers and degree educators. <https://www.ifst.org/resources/competencies-food-graduate-careers>. Find out about more technical graduate roles in the food industry & what may be best suited to you in developing your career with our partners: