



Competencies for Food Graduate Careers

Nutritional Graduate Role

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The emphasis here is that the role will be nutritionally focussed rather than based in development, laboratories or product improvements. More of an advisory role and likely to be pan-site/business or based in a head office.

Some advertised roles may be not graduate entry (so don't require a suitable degree qualification). Explore requirements & detail of each advertisement to find what suits you.

Typical Role Names

Nutritionist | Nutritional Analyst | Nutritional Scientist



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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 Role

Academic expertise
Collaboration
Cultural Sensitivity
Emotional Intelligence
Listening
Open-Minded
Passion for Subject

Networking and Relationship Building
Professionalism
Questioning Approach
Self-Development
Specific Technical Aspects
Thoroughness and Attention to Detail
Verbal Communication

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: