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
- Retail Graduate Scheme
- Company Graduate Scheme
- Graduate Scheme

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.

So, what is desirable for a Graduate Scheme?

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

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