



# Competencies for Food Graduate Careers

## Sustainability, Ethical, Environmental or Threat Management Roles

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A mixed bag here. But important to include the non-traditional and emerging aspects of the Food Industry that Food Scientists (amongst others) may undertake for their first graduate roles.

### Typical Role Names

Sustainability Officer | Food and Drink Risk Consultant |  
Environmental Technologist | Where 'vulnerability' or 'TACCP/Threat' is in the title



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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

Acceptance of Ambiguity  
Application of IT  
Collaboration  
Commercial Awareness  
Critical Thinking  
Global Supply Chain  
Handling Data

Environment and Sustainability  
Listening  
Open-Minded  
Resilience  
Values and Credibility  
Verbal Communication Written  
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: