

## Do you want to get real-world experience as a student?

## **The Professional Placement Year**

Within the BSc (Hons) Pharmacology degree, you are able to switch onto the Professional Placement Year Programme, and graduate in 4 years with one year's worth of work experience and an MSci degree! Similarly, in other undergraduate biosciences degrees you are able to add an Extra Mural Year however these remain BSc degrees. A placement year is an extremely unique experience that will set you apart when applying for post-graduate jobs.

> Despite the BSc degree already being a wonderful way to gain knowledge, a year-long placement is one of the only opportunities a student will get to utilise the knowledge they gain during their studies. You are able to apply your skills to a real-world context and be a part of existing companies and organisations! In addition, you are able to network and learn from people who have dedicated parts of their career to specialise in a particular field.

## **Beginning Your Career**

As a student, you are rarely able to work full-time in a company unless you decide to do a placement year! In addition to the knowledge, technical skills, and communicative capability, you will also gain insights into how you would prefer to balance your work and life, and establish a routine. Working with set hours is often very different to the flexible schedule students often experience during their university years.

Overall, a Professional Placement Year will be an amazing way to enrich your personal development and significantly increase your employability after university!

## **Experience in the Workplace**