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Careers Newsletter

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A decorative header featuring a string of autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow hanging across the top. Below the string, several orange pumpkins are scattered around the large, stylized word "October". The word "October" is written in a white, cursive font with a thick orange outline and a subtle shadow effect, giving it a 3D appearance.

October

As we move into October, it's the perfect time to start thinking about your next steps and making the most of the opportunities available to you this academic year.

Whether you're planning to apply for university, explore degree apprenticeships, secure part-time work, or prepare for your future career, the choices you make now can help shape your success. This month, we'll be sharing the latest apprenticeship vacancies, university and employer events, careers advice, labour market insights, and practical tips to help you build your skills and confidence. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved, gain experience, and learn more about the career paths that interest you.

Careers quote of the month

"Invest in yourself, it pays the best interest"

Benjamin Franklin

Careers Tip of the month

Starting your personal statement for your university application?

Make the most of the Personal Statement Guides that are accessible [here](#) and on your UCAS Student Hub.

Meet the Team

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The Careers Team are based in the Careers and Personal Development Centre, located within the University Centre (UC010). The service is provided by a full team of qualified careers advisors, who are here to support every student, at every study level, with their career planning and progression. You can book an appointment or drop in any time Monday – Friday for help with:

- Career Planning
- Finding employment
- Writing or updating your CV
- Interview Skills
- Choosing your next course
- Changing Career
- Applying to University
- Applying for Graduate opportunities



To book an appointment , please scan the QR code or drop into the Careers Centre any time.



Mondays - 8.00-6.00pm
Tuesday - Friday 8.00 - 4.00pm



Careers are also contactable at careers@blackburn.ac.uk

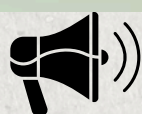


Connect with Careers

Making the most of every resource available can set you apart and position you for **success** in your career.

Each term students will be recognised for their commitment, enthusiasm and proactive participation in career development activities. They will be awarded a certificate and an Amazon voucher.

Come along to the careers centre to find out more and get involved in all things careers!



What's coming up?



UCAS 2027 applications are now open!

If you're planning to apply to university, don't forget the Careers Team can support you with your application, personal statement, and those all-important course decisions if you're still unsure about your next steps.

With key deadlines approaching, make sure you get started early and don't leave it until the last minute.

We are here to help every step of the way.



Degree Apprenticeship Fair

University of Lancashire are hosting a Degree Apprenticeship Careers Fair, where employers will be available to chat to about future opportunities.

Book your place [here](#).



Lewis Silkin Mentoring Scheme



This is a fantastic 9-month mentoring programme where you'll be paired with a professional from Lewis Silkin – leading UK Law firm. You don't have to be interested in a career in law – the scheme is open to students interested in both legal and non-legal careers.

Your mentor can support you with: Exploring your career ideas and setting goals, Developing your CV and job applications, University and apprenticeship applications, Finding and making the most of work experience, Building your confidence and professional skills.

The programme starts in late October/early November and finishes in late May/early June.

This is a great opportunity to get advice and support from someone working in the professional world.

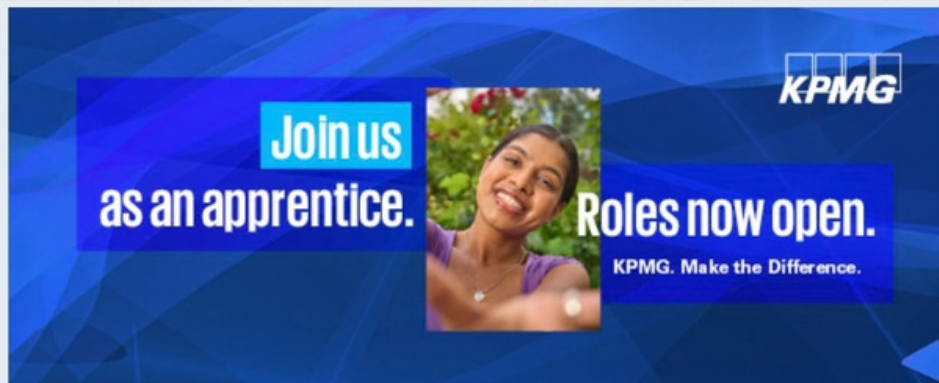
To register your interest - email careers@blackburn.ac.uk

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Apprenticeship Opportunities



Applications for KPMG 2026 apprenticeship programmes in Audit, Tax and Business Services are officially open.

KPMG are excited to welcome the next generation of talent and can't wait to see how you'll make the difference. Search and apply [here](#), as roles will fill up quickly!

BrightStart Apprenticeships and Work Experience at Deloitte – a free virtual insight evening
Wednesday 7 October · 5:00–6:30pm · Online.

Students in Years 12/12 will hear directly from Deloitte about work experience, their BrightStart apprenticeship programme, and opportunities across Audit & Assurance, Tax, Consulting and Technology. They will also meet experienced professionals and have the chance to ask questions live.

This is a free opportunity and places will close once capacity is full. Please [view the event page here](#).

Deloitte.

DISCOVER WHAT IT TAKES TO BECOME A NURSE

4 PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE

- 26th – 27th September 2026
- 17th – 18th October 2026
- 7th – 8th November 2026
- 5th – 6th December 2026

All sessions take place on weekends
Programme time: 10am – 2pm

LOCATION
Preston Business Centre -
timetable and exact venue will
be emailed upon booking.

WHO CAN ATTEND
Anyone over 16 years old with
an interest in nursing and can
attend both dates for your
chosen programme.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR
TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE EMAIL
STUDY.NURSING@LTHTR.NHS.UK**

Interested in a career in nursing?

Discover what it takes to become a nurse with a Nursing Taster Programme. This opportunity is open to anyone aged 16 or over with an interest in nursing. The weekend sessions offer a valuable insight into the profession and the skills needed to pursue a career in nursing.

To find out more or book a place, email study.nursing@LTHTR.NHS.uk

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At **Create Your Future**, Manchester, you'll meet universities, creative schools and industry employers offering courses, apprenticeships and careers across art, design, media, performance, fashion, gaming and more. It's your chance to explore pathways, ask questions, and connect with people who bring creative work to life – all in one place.

10/11th November 2026 - Manchester Central
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Register at: www.ucas.com/registration/register/event/479156



Dates for the diary

The Careers Team are planning a number of events throughout the academic year to support you in your next steps. In November we will be hosting the below:

Public Services Careers Insight day:
Tuesday 17th November 2026
Higher Education and University
Careers Expo :
Thursday 26th November 2026

Look out for further information over the next month and if you've any questions, call into the Careers Centre.



Volunteering

The Hall Community at Salmesbury Hall are looking for student volunteers aged 16+ to get involved in areas such as:

- Heritage and visitor welcome
- Events and hospitality
- Gardens and grounds
- Practical projects and maintenance
- Digital content, photography and storytelling

Community events and special projects
Opportunities can be flexible, from occasional event support and one-off projects through to more regular volunteering.

To get in touch with them about this opportunity you can email them on community@salmesburyhall.co.uk

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Graduate training schemes

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 **FINAL YEAR? START THINKING ABOUT GRADUATE JOBS NOW!**

Graduating in 2027? Your graduate job search starts NOW!

If you are starting your final year of university in September 2026, don't wait until you graduate to look for your first professional job.

Many of the UK's biggest employers open their graduate training schemes from September onwards, with applications often closing months before graduation.



Your Graduate Job Timeline

SEPTEMBER 2026

Start searching for graduate schemes

Update your CV and LinkedIn profile

Begin submitting applications

Practise online aptitude tests



Here are a few schemes worth keeping on your radar:

Civil Service Fast Stream - policy, finance, digital, cyber, HR, project management, operational delivery

PwC - banking, finance, technology, data

BAE Systems - engineering, software, project management, finance, business

Natwest - banking, finance, technology, data

KPMG - audit, tax, consulting, advisory, technology

AstraZeneca - science, engineering, manufacturing, data, business

Deloitte - Audit, consulting, technology, cyber, data, financial advisory

United Utilities - Engineering, finance, digital, project management, environment

Accenture - Technology, consulting, AI, data, cyber, business

Electricity North West - Engineering, finance, IT, business, project management

JPMorganChase - technology, software, data, finance, operations

Set up job alerts, keep your CV updated and apply early. Some graduate schemes close once they receive enough applications.

Need help? Speak to the Careers & Personal Development Centre for support with CVs, applications, interviews and finding graduate opportunities.

External services to support transitioning into work

Access Ability
Autism and Disability Specialists

Access Ability support people aged 18 and over with disabilities as they transition from education into adulthood, helping them build the skills, resilience, and support networks needed to move towards, and remain in, meaningful employment and independent living.

Please see more information [here](#).



Connect to Work

A free support programme helping people in Lancashire overcome barriers to employment or stay in work through personalised, expert guidance.

Please see more information [here](#).

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More opportunities, resources, and services!

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University Research



Complete University Guide helps students to complete research on Universities and courses with access to University League Tables, subject guides, upcoming open days and more.

Please visit their website to find out more:

[The Complete University Guide.](#)



Volunteering Opportunities

Get Volunteering advertise a range of volunteering opportunities within a range of sectors, from admin, supporting mental health and families to creative and environmental roles!

Please see the wide range of opportunities:

[Get Volunteering](#)



Exploring Royal Air Force Apprenticeships

Join or attend a range of online or in person events to find out about the range of careers and apprenticeship opportunities within the RAF - find out more [here](#).



Careers in the Motorvehicle Industry

Institute of the Motor Industry is a fantastic website with lots of useful information about LOTS of the different jobs you can get into through Motor Vehicle. The

[Employability Routes](#) section is particularly useful with lots of different job ideas, videos and case studies.

What is Labour Market Information?

Labour Market Information, often shortened to LMI, is a collection of facts and figures about employment which help us understand the job market more. This information includes skills required for jobs, demand for jobs and potential growth sectors, and information on pay and conditions.

To look at which skills employers are seeking in different areas of the UK and to explore local trends, you can use this website [here](#).

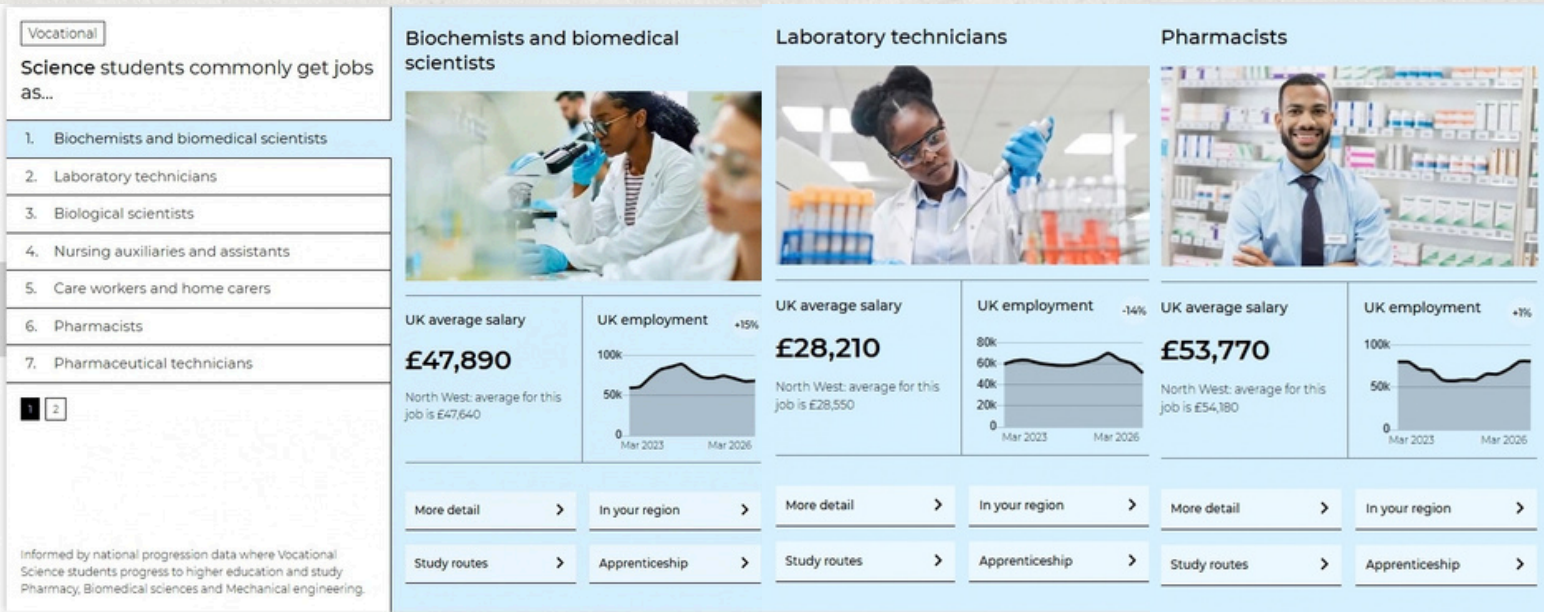


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LMI Spotlight on the Science Careers



JOB OF THE MONTH:

Forensic Scientist

Something to...

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Exploring your career options?

Take the Pathways Careers quiz which is accessible on the college website, to help you discover roles that align with your interests and skills!

Pathways Profile Careers Quiz

LISTEN TO...



The goal of the Graduate Job Podcast is to help you achieve the graduate job of your dreams.

Graduate Job Podcast

READ...



Take a look at the range of career articles published by The Guardian online.

The Guardian Careers

WATCH ...



Watch a range of online videos that cover everything from researching courses to student life - created by UCAS.

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