The food industry plays an important part in the British economy and career opportunities remain buoyant. Whether it is product research and development, production, quality assurance, food policy, nutrition and dietetics or marketing, retail and distribution or communication through journalism or teaching, there are openings for those of you with a BSc or MSc.

Some Food Science graduates may need to undertake further study in order to gain accreditation in nutritional researcher dietetics. Similarly, teaching will require further learning in a university or school setting and for food writing there are postgraduate opportunities in journalism or science.

Some companies produce and manufacture food in-house whereas others use suppliers who are not household names. Other companies operate a farm to fork programme so they are involved in all aspects of the food industry. The head office functions are usually IT/digital development, product development, supply chain, distribution and logistics, marketing and packaging, PR and HR, finance, legal, property and retail operations.

The links below will enable you to start to explore the career possibilities. There is a general category which highlights some of the organisations who regularly advertise opportunities. There is also a category for supermarkets and one for professional bodies. These can be useful for networking for speculative applications or for checking that professional qualifications comply with the industry standards.

**Key Resources**

**Prospects**
General careers website with careers advice, jobs and work experience covering all occupational areas

**Dawn Meats**
Meat processing and supply

**Bakkavor**
Product development, manufacturing and distribution to suit supermarkets and restaurants

**FMCL**
Food and drink industry recruitment

**English Provender Company**
Condiment Manufacturing and product development

**NSF**
Technical opportunities for food technologists

**Unilever**
Leadership scheme plus R and D

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National College for Leadership and Teaching

McDonalds

Kelloggs

Supermarkets

Aldi
Morrison’s

ASDA
M&S

Cooperative
Sainsbury’s

Lidl
Tesco

Waitrose

Professional Bodies

Food and Beverage Training Company trade and professional bodies

Nutritionist Resource

BANT (British Association for Applied Nutrition and Nutritional Therapy)
For information on nutritional therapy and accredited practitioners

The Nutrition Society

Institute of Food Science and Technology

British Dietetic Association

You may also be interested in...

- Advertising, Marketing and PR
- Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- Chemistry and Chemical Engineering
- Education and Research
- Events and Hospitality
- Retail and Sales

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