Jacqui Piner
PhD, FRSB, CBIol, ERT
Toxicologist in the Pharmaceutical Industry
Careers in Research: Academia vs Industry
Jacqui Piner

- Project Toxicologist
- GSK Fellow
- Discovery Safety Leader
- Reproductive Toxicology specialist
- Due diligence
- Alliance management
- Secondment to manage Cambridge Alliance of Medicines Safety (CAMS)
- Fellow of Royal Society of Biology
- European Registered Toxicologist
- Chartered Biologist
- STEM Ambassador
- Equality, diversity and inclusion champion
- Mentor and GSK coach
- Board member of RSB
Patient focused

- Applied research
- Well resourced
- Attractive benefits
- Fast pace, change, target driven
- Lateral career development
- Health and wellbeing
Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (abpi.org.uk)

- More than 65% of all medical research and development in the UK is carried out by the pharmaceutical industry.
- Currently in the UK, the industry directly employs around 73,000 people with many more in related industries.
- Opportunities for science based degrees and for highly specialised degrees
- Entry at graduate, doctoral or postdoctoral levels
- The average starting salary for a recent graduate starting work in the pharmaceutical industry is around £27,500
- Get some work experience as this shows you have shown initiative and are serious about the job
Graduates from RSB accredited degree programmes are equipped with well-rounded knowledge and skill sets, making them highly employable both within and beyond their chosen field.
It’s an exciting time to be involved in bioscience research (academia or industry)

Spend time to explore career possibilities

Identify what you enjoy

Science and technical skills are important and are covered in your degree

Create your own opportunities to increase your experience (shadowing, internships, placements)

Be aware of your transferable skills and continue to learn and develop