

Life after academia: launching your Pharma/Biotech career in Europe

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Preparations:

1. Start to prepare early, already during your undergraduate studies
2. Be aware that many academic disciplines are welcome in Pharma/Biotech
3. Make your academic profile something special in order to stand-out
4. Read about the Pharma/Biotech sector in order to understand what it is
5. Learn another language to prepare for an international career
6. Find the right balance between becoming a specialist and a universalist
7. Know yourself: are you a salesperson, a scientist, an innovator,

Diversity of Pharma/Biotech recruitment

1. Pharmaceutical Sciences (MA and PhD)
2. Medical Sciences (MD and PhD)
3. Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology (MA and PhD)
4. Veterinary Sciences (MA and PhD)
5. Chemistry (PhD)
6. Biology (PhD),
7. Biochemistry (PhD)
8. Physics (PhD)
9. (Bio)Informatics
10. Engineering (MA and PhD)
11. Mathematics/Biostatistics (MA and PhD)
12. Law and Legal (MA)
13. Economy and Finance
14. Business Administration (MBA)
15. Communication studies (MA and PhD)
16. Languages (MA)



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Contacts:

1. Consider doing your Master project with a clear link to industry
2. Make this an well-informed choice, meeting people in advance
3. Find an academic promotor and strong project for Ma/PhD research
1. Industrial sectors often have umbrella organisations for HR-recruitment
2. For example, in Flanders: Flanders Bio
3. Find a trainer that learns you to make a 3-minute pitch on your project
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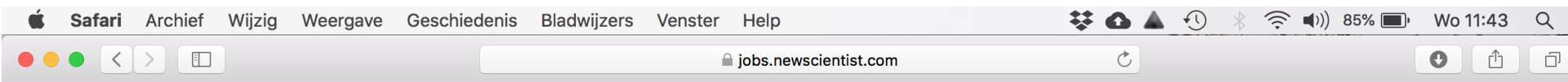
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Activities:

1. When Covid-19 is over, visit a congress/symposium in a P/B sector of choice
2. Follow a language course to improve your linguistic skills (tested & certified)
3. Try to follow an international training of several months in that country
4. Add another skill to your competencies portfolio (such as data analysis, etc)
5. Find overviews of companies in Europe in specific areas of Pharma/Biotech
6. Visit Medline to study particular areas of your interest in active products
7. Start a professional profile on LinkedIn
8. Read student-edition of international journals on trends in Pharma/Biotech

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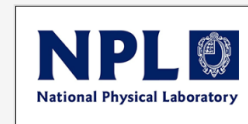
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