INDUSTRY RESEARCH

Continue your career as a researcher in biomedical and pharmaceutical industries. Whether you focus on basic science or applied research, the goal is make discoveries that lead to new or improved drugs, vaccines, treatments and cures.

Alumni Spotlight

What did you do as a trainee to prepare for your current career?
As a trainee, I tried to focus on developing skills that would be applicable to an industrial research setting (e.g. PCR techniques, microscopy, protein purification, enzymology, recombinant DNA technology, etc.) and highlighted these in my CV.

What are the typical things your job entails each day?
My current job as an R&D scientist involves a blend of project management, benchwork and supervisory activities. Some days it can be very labwork-heavy, whereas other days I will spend most of the day at my desk writing reports or design specifications for new products.

What is the most rewarding part of your job?
The most rewarding part of my job is mentoring younger scientists and launching products that fill unmet medical needs. I try to keep the patient in mind in whatever I am working on and launch products that are of the highest quality.

Interview courtesy of the University of Chicago.
Sample Job Titles

- Scientist/investigator
- Director of research
- Study director
- Discovery researcher
- Biologist/chemist/mass spectrometry specialist/Imaging lab lead

Professional Organizations

Biotechnology Industry Organization (Bio)
http://www.bio.org

Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA)
http://www.phrma.org