Careers appointments for medical students

The School of Medicine and the Careers and Employability Service work together to support medical students to achieve their ambitions. Find out about the benefits of talking to us and how to contact us.

Applying for an elective and need help with your CV or thinking ahead to your specialty applications?
We can point you to a number of resources which will help you put together a great CV. We also offer 20 minute appointments where you can have your CV reviewed by a member of the careers team.

Having doubts about your course or profession?
There may be times during your course when you question if you have chosen the right programme of study or the right profession.
Throughout our lives and careers it is perfectly natural to have doubts or to just want to check the path we are on is the right one.
You may find it helpful to talk to one of our careers advisers who can support you during such times. Whether it's identifying what's really important to you, exploring your options or helping you make a decision we will listen and provide advice and guidance.

Considering a career outside medicine or taking timeout
Are you are considering a career outside medicine either before or after completing your BMBS degree? Do you want to explore options for diversifying or are you considering taking a break from medicine?
Again, you may find it helpful to discuss your options and explore a strategy for decision making with a careers adviser.

Unsure what specialty to apply for?
You may be nearing the end of your course and trying to decide which specialty career path to follow. While you don't need to make this decision until the second year of your foundation training, a careers adviser can help you determine what's most important to you and help you explore the range of possibilities open to you.
You may also wish to speak with your personal tutor or the school's careers lead.

Thinking of a career in academic medicine?
Need help with your application form or interview for the Academic Foundation Programme (AFP)? We can help you prepare by reviewing and advising on your written application and provide you with interview practice and tips.
The Careers and Employability Service's Faculty Consultant is Rachel Curley. Rachel is a trained professional careers adviser and has worked in both the NHS and private sector healthcare before joining the University.
She co-chairs the national Medical Careers Advisers Network (MCAN) and offers impartial advice and guidance to students. A careers adviser cannot make a decision for you but they can help you to identify and weigh up options, signpost you to useful contacts and resources as well as provide you with information and advice.

Rachel offers regular appointments at the QMC Medical School (and at Derby on request). Please email kate.macfarlane@nottingham.ac.uk indicating your availability if you wish to make an appointment with Rachel.