What is a ‘From the Bench to the Bank’ speaker?
We are looking for enthusiastic alumni to volunteer to be a ‘From the Bench to the Bank’ speaker. This opportunity has been created to help demonstrate a link between essential business and entrepreneurial skills and cutting edge chemistry skills.

As a ‘From the Bench to the Bank’ speaker you will help students gain an appreciation of the key challenges facing the chemical industry and the role of entrepreneurship in addressing those challenges. You will be asked to give a lecture or seminar discussing your industry/business/company and how it is affected by and deals with Global Challenges.

We’d like you to prepare a 40-45 minute present information on your research, your company, and how innovation and entrepreneurship plays a part in your business. This is not strictly a ‘Science’ presentation, however it is expected that there will be some level of Chemistry in the presentation. Afterwards there will be some formal questions and a more informal discussion with the students.

You will be asked to provide a copy of your presentation, so that students who are assessed on the course can look back over the presentation, if necessary, when completing their coursework.

Who can be a ‘From the Bench to the Bank’ speaker?
If you are:
- A research-active, industrial person
- Working broadly in the science sector
- Part of a business that uses innovation and entrepreneurship
- Looking for an opportunity to practice your public speaking skills whilst making a positive impact on the lives of students

– This opportunity could be for you!

When does the opportunity take place?
Date: Various dates from January - March 2018
Time: from 3pm
Number of volunteering hours: Approx. 2 hours (plus travel and preparation time)

Who will benefit from my contribution?
- All staff and students are welcome to attend the lectures
- Students from certain MSc programmes will be assessed as part of their module
- The School of Chemistry may also use contributions to help inform the curriculum
- There may be opportunity for collaborations between yourself and academic staff

How do I apply to be a From the Bench to the Bank speaker?
Please complete an application form – a member of the team will then be in touch to discuss the opportunity further.