

Ivybridge Community College

Career of the Week



Autumn Term

Job Title: Research Scientist

Salary: £17,600 - £43,000 (experienced)

Working Hours: 39-41 hours per week, you may work at a university or in a lab, you may need to wear protective clothing, you may work outdoors some of the time.

How Can I Get There?/Routes of Entry:

- College / Sixth Form
- University
- Degree Apprenticeship

Local Providers:

- Ivybridge Community College and other Sixth Forms
- Exeter College
- University of Exeter / University of Plymouth / University of Bristol

Skills Required:

- You will normally need a First or 2:1 degree in a science subject to become a research scientist – you may also study for a Masters or PhD
- Thinking and reasoning skills
- Excellent verbal communication skills
- The ability to use your initiative
- Analytical thinking skills
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail
- To be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently

Employers in the South West:

- University of Exeter / University of Plymouth / University of Bristol
- Defence Science and Technology Laboratory
- Nuffield Health
- BD Biosciences

Progression:

You could progress to a senior research or laboratory management position. In an academic post, you may publish your own original research, and you could progress to senior research fellow or professor, which could involve leading a team. You could work towards Chartered status. You may choose to specialize in a particular scientific area such as genomics, bioinformatics or neurosciences.