This handout contains information and resources relating to careers in Bioethics. Bioethics tackles fundamental questions of how we should act, and how we should live in relation to emerging technologies in biomedicine and the life sciences.

Like the majority of our sector handouts, the content is divided into three sections: Discover, Focus and Action.

King's CareerConnect
www.kcl.ac.uk/careerconnect
King's CareerConnect is our exclusive online career portal enabling students and recent alumni to engage with our services. Once logged in, you can access our vacancy board and search hundreds of part-time roles, placements, internships and graduate-level opportunities, book one-to-one careers or application guidance appointments, apply for exclusive King’s Internships and view our full events calendar to book attendance at our many events throughout the year.

Discover
This section contains resources that will give you an introduction and overview to the sector.

Careers in bioethics are varied and incorporate skills derived from a range of disciplines, including philosophy, law, social sciences, life sciences, medicine, public health, anthropology and politics. In a bioethics career, these skills can be applied to research and to different forms of practice, including clinical and policy work. Depending on the position, you may be required to show experience in 'the field', clinic or laboratory in addition to relevant academic qualification. Diverse agencies and organisations provide jobs to graduating bioethics students, or offer internship placements.

Unesco Bioethics

Department for Health
www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health
UK ministerial department, supported by 28 agencies and public bodies creating national policies and legislation; providing funding; assuring the delivery and continuity of services; and accounting to Parliament.

Health Research Authority
www.hra.nhs.uk
UK Special Health Authority which aim to protect and promote the interests of patients and the public in health research, and to streamline the regulation of research

British Bioscience Science in Society Stream
www.bbsrc.ukri.org/engagement/

Lilly
www.lilly.com/bioethics

Council of Europe:
www.coe.int/en/web/bioethics/home

The Hastings Centre
www.thehastingscenter.org/

Focus
Information for those of you starting to think that a career in Bioethics might be for you, and who want to explore it in more detail.

American Association for Bioethics & Humanities
www.asbh.org

International Association for Bioethics
www.bioethics-international.org/

World Health Organisation
www.who.int
A specialized agency of the United Nations that is concerned with international public health. Details of their internship programme: www.who.int/careers/internships/en/

The Council on Health Research for Development
www.cohred.org
The Council on Health Research for Development (COHRED) is an international non-governmental organization whose primary objective is to strengthen research for health and innovation systems, with a focus on low- and middle-income countries

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
www.gatesfoundation.org
Grant-making foundation supporting initiatives in education, world health and population, and community giving.

Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority
www.hfea.gov.uk
The UK’s independent regulator overseeing the use of gametes and embryos in fertility treatment and research.
Nuffield Council on Bioethics
www.nuffieldbioethics.org

An independent body that examines and reports on ethical issues in biology and medicine

Biobank Ethics and Governance Council
www.egcukbiobank.org.uk

An independent committee established by the Wellcome Trust and the Medical Research Council to act as an independent guardian of the UK Biobank Ethics and Governance Framework (EGF) and advise on its revision.

Gene Watch UK
www.genewatch.org/

GeneWatch UK is a not-for-profit group that monitors developments in genetic technologies from a public interest, human rights, environmental protection and animal welfare perspective.

King’s Fund
www.kingsfund.org.uk

An independent charity working to improve health and health care in England by shaping policy and practice through research and analysis.

Sciencewise
www.sciencewise-erc.org.cn/cms/

“The aim of Sciencewise is to support policy makers to commission and use...public dialogue as an integral part of policy making. This will help to ensure that all future policy involving science, technology and innovation is informed by public concerns and aspirations and based on all the available evidence.”

General Medical Council
www.gmc-uk.org/news

Institute of Medical Ethics
www.instituteofmedicaethics.org/website/

Charitable organisation dedicated to improving education and debate in medical ethics. The IME is founder and co-owner of the Journal of Medical Ethics (JME) a leading international journal reflecting the whole field of medical ethics.

Action
Resources which will allow you to take concrete steps towards achieving your career goals in the sector.

Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology
www.parliament.uk/post

Parliament’s in-house source of independent, balanced and accessible analysis of public policy issues related to science and technology. POST hosts a number of three month fellowship positions for PhD students: www.parliament.uk/mps-lords-and-offices/offices/bicameral/post/fellowships/

Wellcome Trust
www.wellcome.ac.uk/funding/scheme-finder

Global charitable foundation dedicated to achieving extraordinary improvements in biomedical research and medical humanities. You can use the Wellcome Trust Scheme Finder to browse grant schemes that supports research on the social and ethical aspects of biomedical research and healthcare innovations.

PHG Foundation
www.phgfoundation.org/

Think tank concerned with public health-related science policy. Offer internships & welcome volunteers (see website for details).

Sense about Science
www.senseaboutscience.org/

“...works with scientists and members of the public to change public debates and to equip people to make sense of science and evidence. Sense About Science responds to hundreds of requests for...advice and questions on scientific evidence each year. We chase down dodgy science and mobilise networks of scientists and community groups to counter it. We also invite scientists to publish corrections of misreported research.” The website has information on volunteering and working for the organisation.

Progress Educational Trust
www.progress.org.uk/objectives

Cancer Research UK
www.cancerresearchuk.org

The world's largest independent cancer research charity conducting research into the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of the disease.

Economic and Social Research Council
www.esrc.ac.uk

UK’s largest organisation for funding research on economic and social issues which support independent, high quality research.

King’s PhD program in Social Science, Health & Medicine
www.kcl.ac.uk/sspp/departments/sshm/study

Oxford Bioethics Network:
www.ndph.ox.ac.uk/research/centre-for-health-law-and-emerging-technologies-helex/past-projects/oxford-bioethics-network

Comprises seven research centres in the University of Oxford concerned with the ethical, legal and social aspects of biomedical and healthcare developments.

Cumberland Lodge:
www.cumberlandlodge.ac.uk

Educational charity that organises conferences on social issues, moral questions and matters of spiritual and ethical interest, with a particular emphasis on engaging young people.

The Career Center of the American Association for Bioethics and Medical Humanities
www.careercenter.asbh.org/jobs/

Excellent and up to date resource for current job openings in bioethics. Although the jobs board is not particularly large, it does feature a number of current vacancies within the profession (principally in North America). The site also includes more general (non-sector specific) careers advice.

Additional job openings are advertised on the website of the American Journal of Bioethics: www.bioethics.net/jobs

And on the relevant section of the Hastings Centre Report:
www.thehastingscenter.org/BioethicsWire/Jobs/

The Berman Institute of Bioethics at John Hopkins University provides the following recommendations for students seeking a career in bioethics (please note this is also skewed towards the US): www.bioethicsinstitute.org/people/bioethics-careers