Bench to Bedside

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The case of Mr Zemlinksy Paramedics Nurses Doctors Radiologist and Radiographers Laboratory staff Healthcare assistants

The biomedical scientist

The 'Biomedical Sciences'

- Anatomy, Developmental & Human Biology
- Biochemistry
- Molecular Genetics
- Immunology
- Neuroscience
- Pharmacology
- Physiology



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Biochemistry

- Study the molecular basis of life and disease.
- Also known as Biological Chemistry – you will look at the chemical processes within living organisms – what happens in cells.



The insulin signalling pathway

Image: Biocarta.com

Molecular Genetics

- How are characteristics and disease passed from one generation to the next?
- Some forms of diabetes are inherited due to mutations in critical proteins required for insulin secretion from the pancreas.



King's Twin Research and Genetic Epidemiology Unit is a world-leading research team

Anatomy, Developmental and Human Biology

- Understanding human evolution, structure, function, development and behaviour.
- Includes biological and behavioural sciences.







Brain

Medical Physiology

- How the different body systems function in health.
- How does the body control blood glucose concentration?

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Immunology

• How the immune system functions to protect us from disease

BUT.....

• Now known that diabetes is a form of "autoimmune disease"



Nature Reviews | Drug Discovery

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Neuroscience

- The nervous system under normal conditions and in relation to disease.
- Understanding schizophrenia and how diabetes causes nerve cell damage.





Pharmacology

• The study of drugs and how they work to combat disease; the effects of drugs on the body and the body on drugs.







Bioscience portfolio

- Anatomy, Developmental & Human Biology BSc
- Biochemistry BSc/MSci
- Biomedical Science BSc
- Medical Physiology BSc
- Molecular Genetics BSc
- Neuroscience BSc/MSci
- Pharmacology BSc
- Pharmacology & Molecular Genetics BSc





Biomedical Sciences

- Flexible interdisciplinary degree programmes
- Taught in one of Europe's
 largest centres for medical and
 professional healthcare
 education
- Exceptional history of success, including our part in finding the structure of DNA
- Research-informed teaching
- Excellent graduate employment rates

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Bioscience programmes...

- Follow a Common Year One curriculum.
- Allow you to change your degree at the start of your second year.
- Have a strong emphasis on gaining lab skills, including experiment design, data analysis and presentation skills.
- Offer a wide choice of optional modules in Years 2 and 3.

MSci degree programmes

- Four-year degree programmes.
- Perfect foundation for research careers.
- Includes extended research project.



Also..

- International Exchange
 Programme
- Extramural Year
- Summer Research Project
- Associateship of King's College











Other Health programmes

Biomedical Engineering Dentistry Nutrition & Dietetics Nursing Medicine Midwifery Pharmacy Psychology Physiotherapy



From labs to law: diverse career opportunities

Your future

Lab-based careers

Pharmaceutical industry

- Regulatory Affairs Researcher, Proctor & Gamble
- Pharmaceutical Developer, Merck
- Pharmacologist, Novartis
- Biotechnology sector
 - Clinical Research Associate Trainee, Parexel
- NHS
 - Pathology Lab Worker
- Academia
 - Drug Trials Researcher, Institute of Neurology







Careers away from the bench

- Science communications, including journalism, publishing or medical writing
- Science policy
- Regulatory affairs
- Commercial/support functions in pharmaceutical and biotech industries
- Government





Non-science careers

- Business, management and consultancy
 - Management Consultant, Ernst & Young
 - Sales Trader, Morgan Stanley
 - Strategy Analyst, JP Morgan Chase
- Legal and accounting
 - Trainee Accountant, PWC
- Marketing
 - Marketing Assistant, software consultancy



Further study: at King's or beyond...

- One-year MSc or MRes programmes.
- Three or four-year PhD programmes.



STOP PRESS Sports & Exercise Medical Sciences BSc NEW

-Focus on *science* that underpins our understanding of human performance and what affects and enhances the performance of elite athletes

-Clinical strand focusing on understanding of the effect of exercise on health improvement.
-Application of science including nutrition, psychology and physiology

Few institutions carry out research on human physiology which encompasses such a diverse range.

