

Train to specialise in all aspects of pathology

KEY POINTS

- Join the RAF and get paid whilst undertaking a fully funded BSc (Hons) in Biomedical Science.
- Training and employment in all major disciplines of pathology: Haematology, Clinical Chemistry, Transfusion Science and Microbiology.
- Opportunity to study to MSc degree level.

TRADE OVERVIEW

Biomedical Science focuses on the complexity of the human body and underpins much of modern medicine. As a Biomedical Scientist (BMS) you will receive, process and analyse a range of clinical specimens in order to diagnose a variety of clinical illnesses, infectious diseases and monitor their response to treatment. You will also be responsible for providing an effective blood transfusion service to treat trauma and support medical operations. You will work in more than one specialist area to ensure you develop and maintain your skills in the major disciplines of pathology, both in the UK and on deployed operations.

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS:

The graduate and postgraduate professional qualifications you earn through your career as military BMS are civilian recognised and equivalent to what our civilian counterparts attain.

RECRUIT TRAINING

Your career will start with a 10-week Basic Recruit Training Course (BRTC) at RAF Halton in Buckinghamshire. The course is designed to help you adjust to a military environment. As well as fitness and military training, you will also learn about the RAF lifestyle.

SPECIALIST TRAINING

Whilst working in the laboratory, you will study for a BSc (Hons) in Biomedical Science at Aston University and complete your Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS) portfolio to register with the Health and Care Professional Council (HCPC). You will then undertake the BMS Transition to Military Practice course and enrol on the IBMS Specialist Diploma in Military Biomedical Science. at the Royal Centre for Defence Medicine in Birmingham.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION OPPORTUNITIES

As a BMS you will have extensive opportunities for further professional development, including the IBMS Specialist Diploma, the British Blood Transfusion Society (BBTS) Certificate, the IBMS Certificate of Expert Practice, MSc Biomedical Science and Chartered Scientist.

REWARDS FROM RAF LIFE

- Competitive pay and pension
- Training and lifelong learning
- Six weeks paid leave and public holidays
- Free medical and dental care
- Subsidised food and accommodation
- Free gym and sports facilities
- Adventurous training opportunities

REGULAR ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Biomedical Scientist

Age: 17–47*

*Must attest before 48th birthday.

Qualifications:

Unqualified: Five GCSEs at Grade C/4 or five Scottish National 5s at Grade C to include Maths and English Language.

Grade BBB in three A-level subjects including Biology. A-level General Studies, Critical Thinking and Citizenship Studies are not accepted but other qualifications may be considered. Visit www.aston.ac.uk for further information.

Graduates with non-accredited BSc (Hons) Biomedical Science must have their degree assessed by the IBMS. Visit www.ibms.org for further information.

Qualified: HCPC registration as a Biomedical Scientist.

Pay: Visit

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/roles/roles-finder/medical-and-medical-support/biomedical-scientist>

ONGOING TRAINING/DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

You will be required to maintain registration with the HCPC by participating in Continual Professional Development.

YOUR FIRST TOUR

Your first tour will be to a Joint Hospital Group Unit within an NHS Hospital. You will work alongside civilian BMS to consolidate your skills and commence specialist training in readiness for your first operational deployment.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER PROSPECTS AND PROGRESSION:

After one year's total service you will be promoted to Senior Aircraftman and be eligible for promotion to Corporal on successful completion of BMS Transition to Military Practice course.

Qualified entrants will be promoted to Senior Aircraftman following completion of BRTC and promoted to Corporal on first day of productive service.

You will be eligible for promotion to Sgt after two years in the rank of Cpl, subject to the completion of service courses.

Selection: You will be assessed on physical fitness and medical eligibility. **You will need to perform well at a specialist interview.**

Residency: Whether or not you were born in the United Kingdom, you should have resided there for the 5 years immediately preceding your application but candidates with a minimum of 3 years will be considered.

Nationality: You must be a citizen of the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland, holder of dual UK/other nationality or have been a Commonwealth citizen since birth.

A Modern Force: The RAF recognises the value of a person's ability no matter their ethnicity, social background, religion or belief, gender identity, sexual orientation or marital status/civil partnership.



Register your interest in this role:

Online:

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/roles/roles-finder/medical-and-medical-support/biomedical-scientist>

or

Telephone: 0345 605 5555

To access the Trade Ambassador Network (TAN) Scheme and connect with a specialist in your local area, please contact:

Air-Health-SO2 Med Pers

This information was last updated in 03 Aug 21, but may have changed since. If you have any queries, please check with RAF Staff at any Armed Forces Careers Office.

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