



PHGS Careers Evening

Applying to universities

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What to study - and where to study it?

UCAS - "There are over 37,000 undergraduate courses at over 370 providers in the UK"

What to study?

Things to consider:

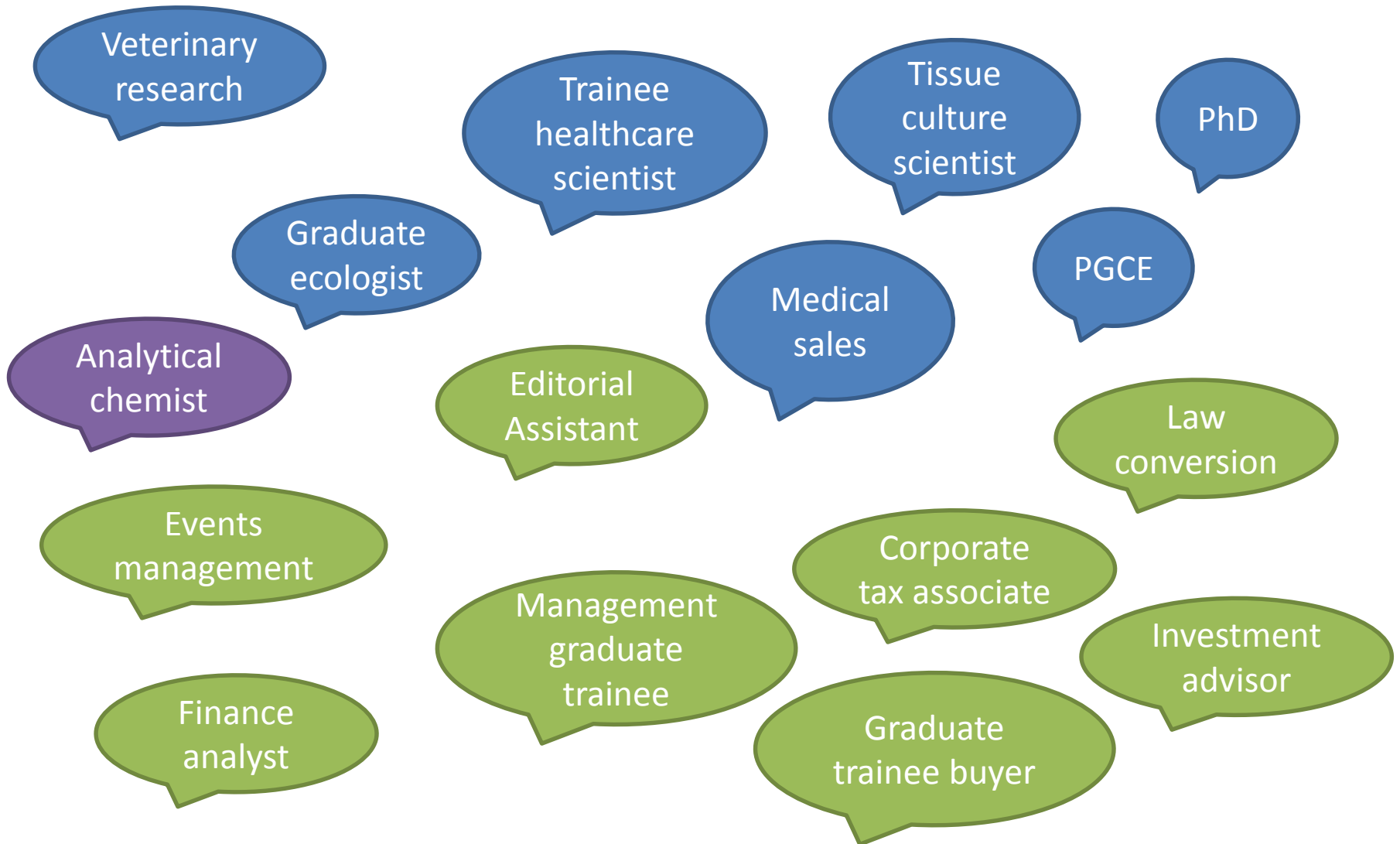
Do I qualify?

What will I enjoy studying?

Which courses appeal to me?

What do I want to do when I graduate?

Some career destinations for students in Faculty of Biological Sciences 2016



Where to study?

Things to consider:

Courses and universities are not all the same!

How do I like to learn (and be assessed)?

Where do I want to live/study? (near/far? town/city)

What about league tables?



Do's and Don'ts

Do -

research your options

visit universities and ask questions of staff and students

listen to advice - but then make your own mind up!

Remember that universities need students

Don't -

Worry too much about 'getting it right'

Over-analyse your options

Personal statements

Universities are looking for candidates who:

- understand the course(s) they are applying for
- are really enthusiastic about the course
- are aware of the skills they will need (and are developing them)
- have a life outside school!