

# LABORATORY TECHNICIAN OR TECHNOLOGIST

The emphasis here is that the role will be mainly lab based, either analytical or microbiological.

The job could be in industry, technical services, contract labs or academia.

(NB: ‘Research Technician’ is more likely a Research or Materials Technician / Technologist role)

## KEY FEATURES

### Typical Role Names

- Laboratory Technician
- Microbiology Technician
- Analytical Technologist
- Microbiologist (check it is lab based)

### So What is Desirable for a Laboratory Technician or Technologist?

There are standards for the technical content of Food Sciences degrees; but there are more aspects you can develop to support success in the workplace. **14 typical graduate roles types** have been identified & this is one of them. Industry have outlined what they think may be the most valuable skills, knowledge and behaviours for this role. They are outlined in **8 themes** then more detail is provided on specific **elements**. Below is the profile for this role.

### Desirable Themes for this Role

D7

Dependability

Harnessing your experiences and skills to establish trust in your ability to deliver  
*(this role has the highest association with D7)*

### Desirable Elements for this Role

Handling Data

Personal Responsibility

Planning and Organising

Positive Attitude

Reliability

Resilience

Self-Awareness

Self-Development

Thoroughness & Attention to Detail

Working Under Pressure

## Competencies for Food Graduate Careers

Find out about more technical graduate roles in the food industry and what may be best suited to you in developing your career on (web link to be added in near future)



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