



JOB OF THE TERM: GENETICIST



Are you interested in a career in which you will always be learning, in a field that is constantly expanding in ways that advance healthcare and improve the lives of patients, families and communities? If the answer is yes, medical genetics and genomics might be the right career for you!



What do they do?

A Geneticist is a scientist or physician who studies the science of genes, heredity, and variation in organisms. They study how genes work in humans, animals, plants, and microbes, and how they are passed on.

Qualifications

Strong GCSEs and A-Levels in biology, chemistry and maths

Degree in Genetics, Biology or Biochemistry

If specialising in a particular area, Geneticists may also require a Masters degree or PhD

Salary

Newly-qualified Geneticists earn between £25,000-£30,000 per year

Experienced Geneticists earn £40,000-£60,000

Some can earn over £70,000 when working for private companies

A day in the life of a geneticist

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For more info you can also read the NSB Careers Newsletter Issue 16

