

## THE TIMES OF INDIA

# Career in Biotechnology: Scope and opportunities

TOI-Online | Apr 14, 2020, 03.16 PM IST



Biotechnology has emerged as one of the most popular career options among youngsters who want to explore the modern aspects of science. The demand for skilled biotechnologists is high in industrial sectors like food, textiles, pharmaceutical, agriculture, animal husbandry etc.

Biotechnology is a combination science of biology and technology and used to make products useful to mankind. The scope of Biotechnology has expanded to diverse sciences like immunology, virology and other subjects like health, agriculture, cell biology, plant physiology, seed technology, etc.

The job of a biotechnologist is to modify or manipulate living organisms in laboratories to develop new products. A biotechnology graduate can be employed across several industries as biochemists, biophysicists or medical scientists.

### **Career scope in Biotechnology**

Today we see amazing discoveries, new applications and innovative products on the market every day. The demand for biotechnologists is very high in various segments like industrial sector, environmental sector, medical sector, food manufacturing, health-care and pharmaceuticals. A biotechnologist can choose to specialise in one or more subfields like genomics, proteomics, and bioinformatics.

#### **Career opportunities for Biotechnologists**

A biotechnologist can work on vast disciplines and their demand is very high in various sectors such as:

- Healthcare
- Medicine
- Pharmaceutical
- Agriculture
- Animal husbandry
- · Genetic engineering
- Environmental conservation
- Soil biology
- Ecology
- Textile industry
- Cosmetics

### Job profiles of a biotechnologist

- Medical scientists
- · Biological technicians
- Medical and Clinical Lab Technologists & Technicians
- Biochemists and Biophysicists
- Biomedical Engineers
- Microbiologists
- Epidemiologists
- R&D and Process Development Scientists
- Biomanufacturing Specialists
- Bioproduction Operators