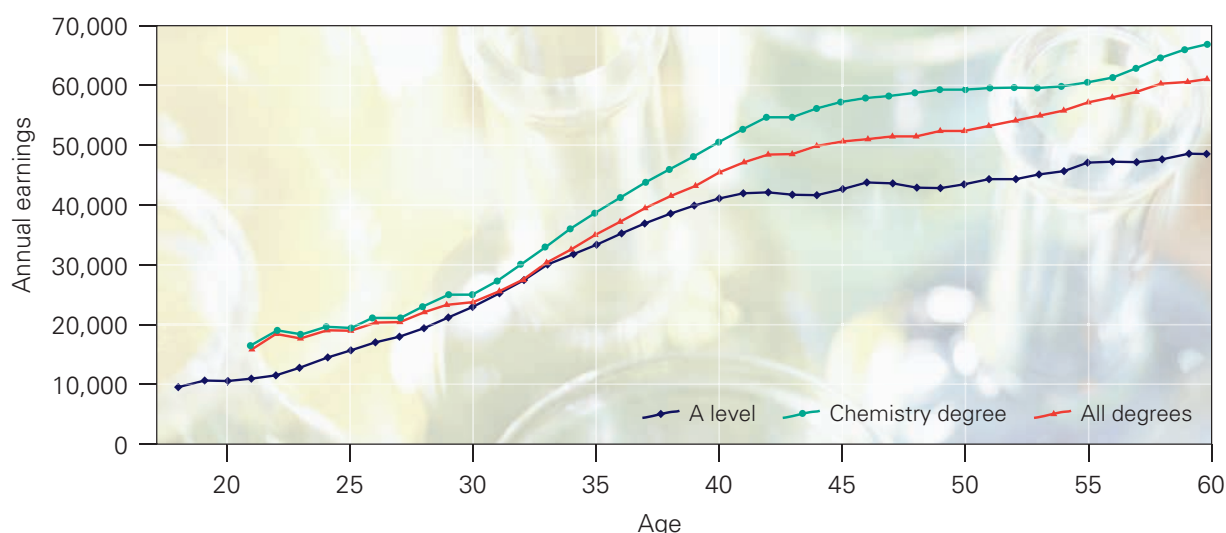




Recent research has shown that chemistry graduates are better paid over a lifetime than graduates of almost any other discipline. They earn on average around £190,000 more over a working lifetime than those with two or more A Levels only (no degree) and around £60,000 more than most other graduates. That means, as a chemistry graduate you could earn over 30% more than A Level holders.

Age earning profiles associated with chemistry degrees, all degrees and A Level qualifications



Data taken from *The Economic Benefits of Higher Education Qualifications*, PricewaterhouseCoopers, January 2005.

Where could a chemistry degree take me?

Chemical science graduates have an excellent range of skills that employers value highly. Whilst studying science, you gain skills in numeracy, problem-solving, data handling, analysis, observation, teamworking, communication and report writing. These open up opportunities in a vast range of career areas, both inside and outside the laboratory.

Chemical scientists can be found working in laboratories, banks, hospitals, offices, schools and even outdoors. Read more about the kinds of jobs that are available to chemical scientists in the RSC's employee profiles at www.rsc.org/profiles.

Factors affecting what you earn

Salaries vary greatly depending on what you do, where you do it and how much experience you have. Even within a

particular career area, salaries can vary dramatically. Some factors that may have an effect are:

- type and size of company
- geographical area
- level of responsibility
- qualifications and experience
- competition for jobs

One way to get an idea of how much you are likely to earn in a particular job is by looking at job advertisements in newspapers and magazines. You could also use job search websites to find out more. Other useful sources of information are given overleaf and in the RSC's employee profiles.