Biochemical engineering offers you diverse career options in areas like bioprocessing, biotechnology and bioremediation, with the possibility of also working in core chemical engineering fields such as petrochemical engineering, minerals processing and energy production.

The Melbourne School of Engineering is the leading provider of engineering and IT education in Australia*.

Our professional Master of Engineering program is the first graduate program in Australia to offer accreditation from Engineers Australia and EUR-ACE®, enabling graduates to practice as engineers in Australia, Europe, the US, Singapore, Japan, and more.

The Master of Engineering (Biochemical) provides depth, breadth and flexibility to a curriculum taught by world-class educators, access to industry based learning opportunities, and a generous program of scholarships.

Our biochemical engineering programs include:

» Master of Engineering (Biochemical)
» Master of Philosophy (Engineering)
» Doctor of Philosophy (Engineering)

Open a pathway to niche industries

In his first year of the Master of Engineering (Biochemical) Nicholas Buttigieg has already had the opportunity to explore biochemical engineering beyond the lecture theatre. He has been on site tours to Siemens, CSIRO and GSK, and has done vacation work in the dairy industry for Dairy Innovation Australia Ltd (DIAL).

“Biochemical engineering excites me, because it can provide pathways to niche industries, such as food, water and pharmaceuticals – all vital elements of everyday life.”

Nicholas Buttigieg
Master of Engineering (Biochemical)

Specialisations

Biochemical engineers explore the development of large-scale processes using microbial, plant or animal cells.

You could work in bioprocessing industries including food, beverage and pharmaceutical production, in traditional industries such as the petrochemical, minerals and energy industries and in new fields arising through advances in biotechnology. You could also be employed as an environmental chemical engineer, working in biological waste treatment and bioremediation.

Job Outlook

Engineering professionals are in demand, not only in Australia, but across the globe. With a rapidly growing population, the need for engineers will become more critical than ever to ensure our cities have adequate transport, power, water, telecommunications and healthcare.

Students are advised to begin building their employability skills whilst at University, to give themselves the best start to their careers. Visit the University Careers Service to find out more: careers.unimelb.edu.au

For more information about the job outlook for this sector, please visit the Australian Government’s Employment Projections and Job Outlook website: joboutlook.gov.au

For information about salaries, see: graduateopportunities.com

Biochemical Engineering
### Sectors & Employers

#### BIOCHEMICAL ENGINEERING SECTORS AND INDUSTRIES
- Biological Waste Treatment
- Bioremediation
- Chemicals
- Cosmetics
- Food and Beverage Production
- Government Departments and Agencies
- Minerals and Energy
- Pharmaceutical
- Research and Development

#### EXAMPLES OF EMPLOYERS
- Beqa
- CSL Limited
- ExxonMobil
- Fonterra
- GlaxoSmithKline
- Mondelez International
- Melbourne Water
- Nyrstar
- Orica Limited
- TATURA

### Career Progression

#### GRADUATE
- Biochemical Research Engineer
- Graduate Biochemical Engineer
- Graduate Environmental Chemical Engineer
- Graduate Biochemical Engineer
- Graduate Metallurgist
- Graduate Process Engineer

#### 3-5 YEARS EXPERIENCE
- Biochemical Engineer
- Biochemical Engineer – Biofuels
- Biochemical Engineer – Food Technology
- Biochemical Engineer – Mining Industry
- Biochemical Engineer – Petroleum/Petrochemicals
- Biochemical Engineer – Biopharmaceuticals
- Biochemical Engineer – Bionanotechnology
- Biochemical Engineer – Waste/Water Management
- Biochemical Engineer
- Biomaterials Engineer
- Environmental Engineer

#### 10 YEARS
- Line Manager
- Metallurgical Engineer
- Metallurgist
- Minerals Engineer
- Petroleum Engineer
- Plant Metallurgist
- Process Engineer
- Process Supervisor
- Project and Process Engineer
- Wastewater Engineer
- Principal Process Engineer
- Project Manager
- Senior Biochemical Engineer
- Senior Biochemical Engineer
- Senior Environmental Chemical Engineer
- Senior Process Engineer
- Senior Metallurgist
Alternative Careers
An engineering degree at the University of Melbourne gives you a solid technical and design foundation combined with strong analytical, problem solving and communication skills valued across a range of industries. Other areas our graduates have moved into include:

» Management consulting
» Finance, economics and banking
» Business analysis
» Project management
» Technical sales, marketing and communications
» Intellectual property management
» Technical writing
» Government and policy

Careers in Research
If you are passionate about a field of electrical engineering and would like to advance your research skills, enrolling in a graduate research degree could be a great option for you. Graduate research enhances your ability to problem solve, think autonomously and creatively, and analyse. Careers in research are diverse and may include:

» academic positions at universities;
» policy-making or research positions at public sector organisations;
» private sector research and development projects;
» self-employed consulting positions on technical or policy issues in your area of expertise.

Employability Services and Industry Links
Students undertaking our programs have access to a range of employability services, and benefit from a curriculum that offers excellent opportunities to connect with industry through:

» an elective internship subject
» student projects partnered with industry
» guest lectures led by industry leaders and experts
» site visits hosted by key organisations
» industry networking events
» career panels featuring industry representatives
» career question drop-in service
» an online jobs and internships portal