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A career in life sciences offers a wide range of rewarding professional opportunities, as the industry is usually at the forefront of innovation and scientific breakthroughs. However, despite the importance of this field, there has been a significant labor shortage in recent years. Experts are calling the lack of skilled life science professionals nothing short of an imminent threat and a crisis-in-the-making.

This is not positive news for pharmaceutical companies, biomedical researchers, and all other employers on the life science landscape who are in urgent need of human capital to carry out critical tasks; from researching, to managing clinical trials, to ushering products through the regulatory process, and the list goes on, claims [Ron Bauer, the Founder of Theseus Capital](#). However, as noted above it is a welcome development for those who want to play an important, exciting role in the development of revolutionary medicines, drought-tolerant crops, AI and VR-driven technologies, and more.

According to Ron Bauer, here is a look at are five rewarding, dynamic and growth-oriented career path options for aspiring life science professionals (along with job outlook and salary information per the [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)):



### Agriculture and Food Science

Agricultural and food science technicians are responsible for testing and analyzing foods, food additives, and food containers in order to assess and confirm that they are in alignment with requisite safety standards. They also work closely with food scientists conducting R&D and quality control. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics forecasts a 6% occupational growth for agricultural and [food science technicians](#) between 2018-2028, and the current median salary is pegged at \$40,860 per year (all figures in this article are USD). Typically, an associate degree is required for entry-level positions.

### Biochemistry

Biochemists explore the physical and chemical principles of living things and their associated biological processes (e.g. cell development, heredity, disease, etc.), and strive to research and solve a wide range of biological problems across multiple sectors and industries. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics forecasts a 6% occupational growth for biochemists between 2018-2028, and the current median salary is pegged at \$98,280 per year. Typically, a bachelors' degree is required for entry-level positions.

### Clinical Research

Clinical research associates (CRAs) are responsible for monitoring clinical trials for drugs,



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products, and medical procedures. This typically includes developing and outlining trial protocols, evaluating and selecting trial sites, training and coaching trial staff, trial materials, and processing results. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics forecasts a 13% occupational growth for clinical research associates between 2018-2028, and the current median salary is pegged at \$59,117 per year. Typically, a bachelors' degree is required for entry-level positions.

## Microbiology

Microbiologists are responsible for studying various microorganisms (e.g. algae, viruses, bacteria, etc.), in order to generate deeper insights and understandings about how they function, grow and relate to their living environment — and ultimately to support discoveries, innovations, and improvements in fields such as agriculture, food production, drug development, and more. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics forecasts a 5% occupational growth for clinical research associates between 2018-2028, and the current median salary is pegged at \$71,650 per year. Typically, a bachelors' degree is required for entry-level positions.

## Technical Writing

Technical writers are responsible participating in (and often leading) the document and review process for all technical documentation within an organization. Naturally, a significant component of this important role involves writing and editing. However, technical writers in the life science field also spend considerable time interviewing subject matter experts (SMEs), creating and modifying templates, executing documentation-related projects from initiating through to closure, and collaborating with colleagues in operations and QA. They must also have extensive knowledge prevailing Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP). The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics forecasts an 8% occupational growth for clinical research associates between 2018-2028, and the current median salary is pegged at \$71,850 per year. Typically, a bachelors' degree is required for entry-level positions.



According to Ron Bauer, the [life sciences field](#) is growing so fast, that it's a foregone conclusion a decade from now there will be an array of new jobs as opportunities arise and skills and knowledge gaps emerge. Professionals who enter the field over the next several years can look forward to an exciting career journey, as they play an important role in finding solutions to some of life's more important and vital problems.

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