

## **Panel Discussion on INDUSTRY CAREERS AFTER A DEGREE IN BIOTECHNOLOGY**

The Department of Biotechnology at St. Joseph's University organized a discussion session titled "Industry Careers after a degree in Biotechnology" as part of the Research and Career Development Seminars on September 23rd, 2023, from 9:45 A.M. to 11:45 A.M. The venue for this insightful session was Faber Hall, SJU. The distinguished panel of invited speakers included Dr. Vishnu Janardan from Thermo Fisher Scientific, Dr. Dhanalakshmi R from Bayer India, and Dr. Jayan Joseph from Syngene International. The audience comprised students of Biotechnology from various courses, encompassing both master's and undergraduate programs.

The session covered a diverse range of topics, starting with introductions to the panelists and their backgrounds, along with overviews of their respective organizations. Discussions included insights into various job types and descriptions, with a focus on essential inputs for freshers entering the industry and valuable suggestions on career prospects. The speakers shared their personal journeys into the industry, emphasizing different paths, including those with and without a Ph.D. They elucidated the functions and objectives of their organizations, providing a brief background on various sectors and business models within the industry, such as pharmaceuticals, substance manufacturing and providers, CRO, acquisitions, and more.

The detailed discussion on job applications offered insights into effective job searching, considerations when evaluating job opportunities, and the key attributes recruiters look for in potential candidates. Emphasis was placed on using specific keywords in online job searches, interview tips, CV content, and the importance of possessing and honing soft skills alongside technical expertise. The session also explored various roles and grades within companies, discussing essential skill sets ranging from organization, analysis, and execution to productive performance delivery. Examples drawn from the speakers' experiences enriched the dialogue.

The session provided valuable insights into the industry sector, inspiring ideas and thoughts among the attendees. Enthusiastic students gained perspective and direction on areas for improvement to enter a career in the field. The engaging Q&A segment allowed the audience to pose questions, and doubts were clarified by the panelists. Following the program's conclusion, in-person conversations over coffee took place between individual speakers and eager students, fostering further interaction and networking opportunities.

For the Images of the Industry Careers after a degree in Biotechnology, kindly refer to the Photo Gallery:  
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