

10 TIPS FOR FUTURE MARINE SCIENTISTS

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Take your time

Marine Science covers a huge range of disciplines from biology to physical oceanography. Take time to understand what you enjoy and what interests you and take it from there.



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Will I be outside all the time

Some marine scientists sit behind computers all day analysing data and surveys. Roles could have a mix of fieldwork and office work. Apply accordingly!



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What to study

If you are not sure on the exact topic you want to study, other wider subjects such as general marine science or natural sciences may be available.



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Learn to write reports

As with most industries, report writing is crucial as it communicates your work to your audience. Learn to write concisely and use evidence to support your work.



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Volunteering

Volunteering is a great way to get skills to sprinkle on your CV. It is also a fantastic way to network and make life long connections, which can also help land a job.



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Software Tools

Learn what software you may need to know about. There are loads of free youtube videos out there to give you a flavour. One of the most common is Geographic Information Systems (GIS).



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Stay informed

Stay up to date with recent studies, particularly in the field you're interested in. You never know when you can show off some of your knowledge in a conversation (or interview!).



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Interview

Always remember to focus on what you have done in an interview, which should also be highlighted on your CV. You know what you have done more than anyone else.

Flaunt it!

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Soft skills

Technical skills will come with experience, but what you can work on is soft skills such as communicating with other people, time management, presenting, and team work.



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Work experience

My main advice to you is to get out there and chat to people working in the marine environment industry. You will quickly learn that there is thousands of different roles. Work experience is a great way to speak to people. Even a day with pre-loaded questions and a field trip is just as valuable. You get out what you put in in these situations. You will have time over the school holidays so no excuses!

