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Making the most of membership

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1. **What is a Society?**
2. **How to use membership**
3. **Looking to the future...
(opportunities)**





What is a Society?





What is a learned society?



‘An organisation that exists to promote an academic discipline or profession, or a group of related disciplines or professions’





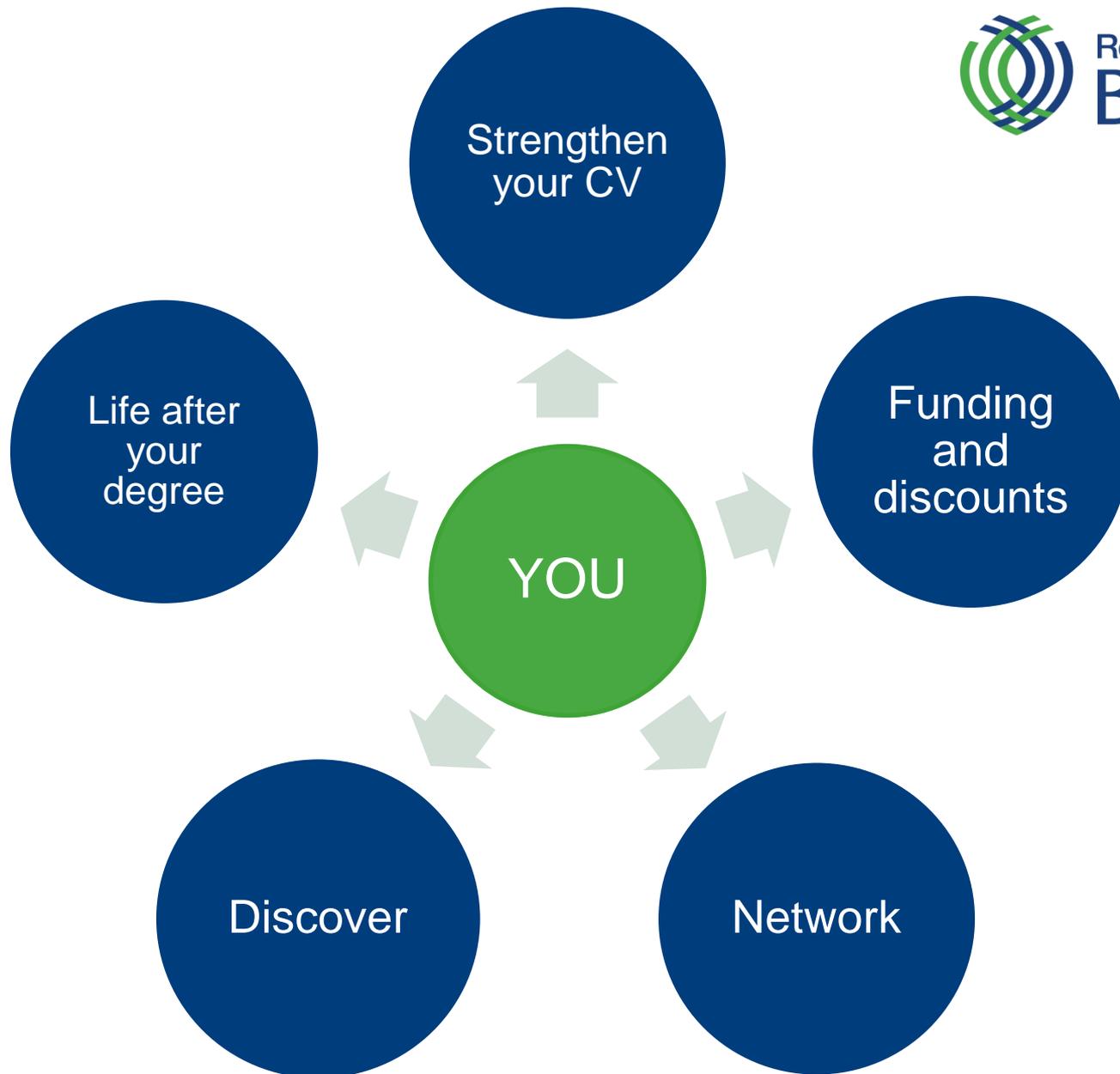

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Promoting
the science
of life





How to use membership







Strengthen your CV





Volunteer

- Public engagement
- Committees
- Ask to write for their blog
- Conferences
- Head office





Studentships and Summer Schools

Awards and Competitions





Funding and discounts





Public engagement grants



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Network





Meet your peers

Members share your passion. They include your lecturers, as well as your future colleagues and potential employers.



Meet them:

- National events
- Regional groups
- Membership directories
- Reading publications





Discover





Magazines and newsletters





Life after your degree



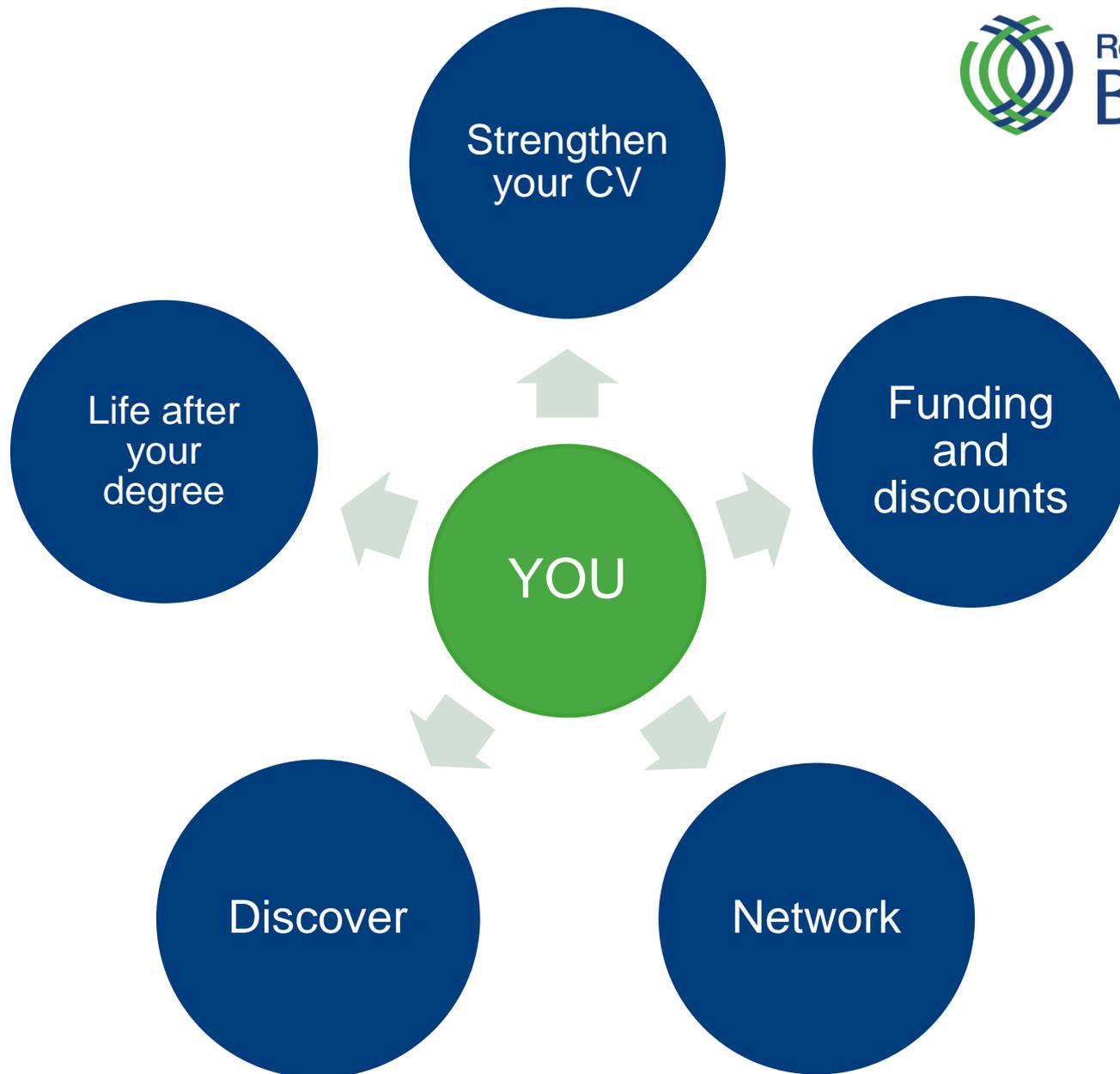
Guidance

- Mentoring
- Careers conferences
- Training

Inspiration

- Online resources 
- Printed booklets







Looking to the future





What next..?

Science is practised in an ecosystem



- R&D: University/research institute/company
- Safety/Quality: Company/public
- Supporting structures: policy, standards, communications, technology, chemicals, hardware, training, regulation, funding, IP...
- Everything in your lab was made by a company...





Who else is interested in your bioscience background?

Universities

Research
institutions

Pharma and
Biotech
companies

Hospitals

NHS Trusts

Charities and
NGOs

Scientific and
Technical
Consultancies

Schools and
Colleges

Museums and
Science
Centres

Government
organisations

Public
Broadcasters

Journals and
Magazines

And the list goes on...





3 places you might not think to look for opportunities...



1. Society/Association websites
2. UKSPA (UK Science Parks Association)
-  3. Mailing lists (PSCI-COM, BIG-Chat)





Becoming a member



“How do I know which Society  to choose?”

What's most interesting to you right now?

1. Apply
2. Annual fee?
3. Get in the door!



Now...





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