

Careers and Employability Service

What can I do with my degree?

History

Welcome:

We have developed this recourse pack to help you research specific job sectors which may be of particular interest to History students.

- **Prospects.ac.uk** - Options with History

The Prospects site includes information and advice covering: Your skills, job options, career areas, further study, what next, case studies, contacts and job search sites.

- **The Historical Association** – Careers & Professional Development

Whatever your needs, the HA offers history CPD suitable for you and provides insight in to a range of historical related career options.

SKILLS:

Many employers value the skills acquired from a History degree which is widely accepted as a rigorous academic discipline. Within your degree you will develop:

- Critical reasoning and analytical skills, the ability to solve problems and think creatively.
- Intellectual competency and the ability to think flexibly.
- The capability to conduct research using a variety of different tools and resources.
- The ability to construct an argument by identifying appropriate evidence and communicating the findings in a clear and structured format, in writing and vocally.
- Negotiation and questioning skills, as well as the ability to summarise coherently.
- Self-motivation and the ability to work independently, applying good time management and prioritisation.
- A capacity to engage in teamwork, accommodating different ideas, taking into account various opinions and making decisions.
- The ability to take an objective and open-minded approach to problem-solving, when faced with arguments and hypotheses.

- A knowledge of social reactions and relations i.e. how factors influence groups and individuals.

Finding Job Vacancies:

As a graduate from History you can go into a wide range of occupations, some open to all graduates, and some particularly relevant to your degree. Information and advice about how to find out about employment opportunities can be found on our [Take Action](#) pages and on the [Prospects](#) website.

When applying for vacancies you may need support in constructing a CV, filling out an Application Form, drafting a Cover Letter or preparing for Interview. We offer support on all of these areas via our [Job Application Resources](#) webpages.

History Related Jobs and Internships:

The information below can be used to find job vacancies that are related to your programme, and/or to build understanding of relevant roles. Quite often History graduates who wish to enter a career directly related to the degree programme take on a selection of short term project and contract roles to gain experience and form connections in the industry or seek further study opportunities within a related programme e.g. MA Curatorial Studies etc. It can take several months to get to your career moving in the direction you want it to be going within this industry but it is possible to make it. Make the most of the opportunities provided by the University to meet and network with alumni from History at the University of Southampton and learn from their experiences.

- **The National Trust** – Protect and open to the public over 350 historic houses, gardens and ancient monuments. The work also includes looking after forests, fens, beaches, farmland, archaeological remains and castles etc. www.nationaltrust.org.uk
- **British Archaeological Jobs & Resources** – Employment, training courses, advice and guidance as well as a list of every course, contractor and society in the UK <http://www.bajr.org/>
- **English Heritage** – Championing historic places and advising the Government and others to help today's generation get the best out of our heritage and ensure that it is protected for future generations. <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/about/jobs/>

- **Institute of Historical Research** – Founded in 1921 the IHR is an important meeting place for researcher from all over the world and forms part of the University of London. <http://www.history.ac.uk/news/jobs>
- **Museum Associate** – The MA is a membership organisation for everyone working in museums, galleries and heritage and includes a job search facility. <http://www.museumsassociation.org/careers/find-a-job>

EBooks

Check out our useful [EBooks](#) on a range of career areas:

Surviving your academic job hunt: advice for humanities phds
Careers Uncovered: Teaching

Learning to Teach : A Handbook for Primary & Secondary School Teachers

So you want to be a teacher: How to launch your teaching career
