

Careers and Employability Service
What Can I Do With My Degree?
Geography

Introduction

This resource is designed for you to discover what you can do with your degree. It contains information on:

- Skills gained through your degree - useful in career decision-making and when applying for graduate jobs
- Overview of the main career areas with your degree – to help you understand what other students with your degree have gone on to do
- Links to selected relevant professional bodies and associations – to help you understand the sector and also provide advice and information
- Finding opportunities – including finding jobs and internships, volunteering opportunities, specialist recruitment agencies.
- Further study - professional qualifications and programmes aligned to your first degree

Skills gained through your degree

In a competitive graduate labour market, it is important that you are able to demonstrate the key skills that you have developed through your degree programme.

Reflecting upon the skills you have gained and your skill strengths can also be helpful in career decision making. The following resources can help you to understand the skills gained from your degree.

Prospects

Understanding your skills

Your course learning outcomes – Your course modules contain aims and learning outcomes. These are useful in assisting you to recognise and reflect upon the skills developed during your studies.

Overview of the main career areas with your degree

Geography graduates are also equipped for numerous roles in a wide variety of career sectors. Some popular roles include: Civil Service, market research, human resources, consultancy, analyst roles, teaching, among many more.

The resources below will enable you to explore these in more detail.

Prospects

TargetJobs

National Careers Service

What Do Graduates Do?

Early Career case studies – Royal Geographical Society

Links to selected professional bodies and associations

[British Cartographic Society](#)

[The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport \(CILT\) UK](#)

[The Institute of Travel and Tourism](#)

[Royal Geographical Society](#)

[Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors \(RICS\)](#)

[Royal Town Planning Institute \(RTPI\)](#)

[Local Government Association](#)

[Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development](#)

[Chartered Institute of Marketing](#)

[Market Research Society](#)

[Department for Education \(Get Into Teaching\)](#)

Finding relevant opportunities

This section suggests selected sources of opportunities that are most closely linked to your degree. Remember though, that students studying your subject can enter a much wider range of career options.

[Acre-Resources](#) – Specialist recruitment agency for the environmental sector

[Countryside Jobs Service](#) – Information and vacancies in the conservation and country sector

[Earth Work Jobs](#) – Jobs in the energy, mining, forestry, seismology, hydrology, contaminated land and sustainable development industries

[Environment Agency](#) – Information on entry level schemes for the Environment Agency

[Environment Jobs](#) – Database of jobs within the environment sector

[Forestry Commission](#) – Entry level and internship opportunities within the organisation

[GeoSearch Inc](#) - Database of jobs within GIS and remote sensing (mainly US but some UK positions)

[Local Government Association](#) – information on the Graduate Management Development Programme

[Nature England](#) – jobs board carries vacancies from work experience and short-term appointments through to management and executive positions

[National Geographic](#) – Browse the jobs portal for vacancies and internships

[National Parks Service](#) – Paid and voluntary opportunities within the American National Parks Service

[National Trust](#) - Paid and voluntary opportunities within the National Trust

[Nature](#) – Browse for jobs and internships in science and the environment

[NHS Careers](#) – Database of current vacancies within the NHS including entry level management and development opportunities related to health care planning and GIS

[Ordnance Survey](#) – Browse opportunities within the OS both in the field and within the HQ based in Southampton

[The Royal Geographic Society](#) – The UK's professional body for geography. Contains hyperlinks to a wide range of geography-related job websites

[Association of American Geographers](#) – the AAG has a range of career opportunities and development opportunities

[Charity Choice](#) – searchable database of UK charities

[Charityworks](#) – Non-profit sector's graduate programme

[Civil Service Jobs](#) - Find jobs in the Civil Service and central government organisations

[Civil Service Fast Stream](#) – Civil Service Graduate programme

[Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office](#) (FCDO)

[UN Careers](#) – career opportunities and internships within the United Nations

[Idealist Careers](#) – Connecting people, organisations and resources to help build a better world

[ThirdSectorJobs](#) – Find your perfect charity job in a range of industries

[BOND](#) – Providing support to organisations working in international development through funding, research, training and other services

[NATO](#) – Details on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization internships

[UNHRC](#) – Internships and job opportunities at the UN Refugee Agency

Further study

[Prospects](#) – Search postgraduate courses, advice and funding information

[Target Postgrad](#) – advice and information on postgraduate study

[Careers Service](#) – includes information on Law, Teaching and Medicine