

Careers and Employability Service

What can I do with my degree?

**Ocean and Earth
Science**

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

[Prospects](#)

[TargetJobs](#)

[National Careers Service](#)

Links to selected professional bodies and associations

[IMarEST](#) Institute of Marine Engineering, Science & Technology

[Geological Society](#)

[CIWEM](#) Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management

[The Marine Biological Association](#)

[Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining](#)

[Society of Exploration Geologists](#)

[Society of Petroleum Engineers](#)

[Petroleum Exploration Society of Great Britain](#)

[AAPG](#) American Association of Petroleum Geologists

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.

[Marine Biology Education Resources](#) – North American resource site.

[OES Careers Blackboard](#)

[Oceanology International](#)

[Society of Maritime Industries](#) Trade organisation with member lists, news and events.

[Communications and Management for Sustainability](#).

[marBEE](#) - EU network of excellence for Marine Diversity and Ecosystem functioning,

[Marine South East](#)

[Wales Environment Link](#)

[Irish Sea Conservation](#)

[Marine and Coastguard Agency](#)

[Marine Conservation Society](#)

[Society for Underwater Technology](#)

[UK Diving](#)

[Environment Agency](#)

[Natural England](#)

[Natural Resources Wales](#)

[Ends](#) - Jobs, directory of consultants and economic analysis of the environmental sector.

[Environment jobs](#)

[Edie](#) - on-line community with jobs in water related fields, climate change, pollution.

[Change Agents UK](#)

[CA Mining](#) - Global recruitment within the mining industry covering Africa, Australia, Asia, Europe and the Americas

[Rigzone](#)

[Oil and Gas careers](#)

[Oil and Gas Job Search](#)

[Kinetica](#) - Geophysicist roles advertised.

[Society of Petroleum Engineers \(SPE\)](#)

[Working Smart](#)

[Equinor](#) -. International energy and exploration company, particularly active in the North Sea.

[Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining](#)

[The Geologist's Directory](#)

[Infomine](#) - Mining information, jobs and events.

[Geology Shop](#) - World wide websites for geologists including job search.

[Jobs4Mining](#)

[European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers](#)

[Society of Exploration Geophysicists](#)

[Geology Society](#)

[British Geological Survey](#) - The BGS offer work experience and summer field work.

[Association of Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Specialists](#)

[The Geological Society](#)

[The Survey Association](#)

[Association for Geographic Information](#)

[Geodata Institute](#) - Research and consultancy group, work experience often available.

[British Hydrological Society](#)

[UK Groundwater Forum](#)

[HR Wallingford](#)

[Water Research Centre](#)

[Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science](#)

[Marine Scotland](#)

[Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs](#)

[Aquatic Network](#)

[Marine Life Information Network](#)

[Marine Biological Association](#)

[Aquaculture Talent](#)

[Joint Nature Conservation Committee](#)

[Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs](#)

[Met Office](#)

[New Scientist](#)

[Nature](#)

[Science Careers](#)

[ICE Engineering on-line](#)

Specialist Recruitment Agencies

[Allen & York](#)

[Earthworks](#) - Opportunities in environmental, ocean, MB, GIS/remote sensing, climate and geo

[Eden Recruitment](#)

[Environment Jobs](#)

[Greenjobs Online](#)

[Groundtechjobs](#)

[Hays Specialist Recruitment](#)

[Kinetica](#)

[Matchtech Group](#)

[SRG](#)

Volunteering is a popular and well-trodden path to building up relevant skills and experience in a wide range of career options most closely aligned to your degree:

[Do It](#) – searchable database

[Volunteering England](#) – General opportunities and advice

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

[The Knowledge Transfer Partnership scheme \(KTP\)](#)

[The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council](#)

[Science & Technology Facilities Council](#)

[University of Southampton bursaries](#) for existing students. Also offers [postgraduate opportunities](#) in the Faculty of Engineering and the Environment.

[Postgrad](#)

[Findaphd](#)

[Jobs.ac.uk](#)

[Natural Environment Research Council](#) - Includes listing of research and collaborative centres.

[British Antarctic Survey](#)

[British Geological Survey](#) - Based at Keyworth with offices at Wallingford, Exeter, London, Cardiff and Edinburgh