

# HISTORY

## **Overview**

Graduates from this discipline choose careers in a wide variety of sectors such as public sector, culture, heritage, education, media, publishing and information services. History graduates also go into roles in business, consulting, management, marketing, advertising, public relations and charities.

## **Roles**

Each job title links through to a broad job description, salary and conditions, entry requirements, typical recruiters, and links to further useful information.

* [Civil Service Fast Streamer](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/civil-service-fast-streamer)
* [Academic Librarian](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/academic-librarian)
* [Archivist](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/archivist)
* [Museum/Gallery Conservator](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/conservator)
* [Museum/Gallery Curator](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/museum-gallery-curator)
* [Heritage Manager](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/heritage-manager)
* [Newspaper Journalist](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/newspaper-journalist)
* [Programme Researcher](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/media-researcher)
* [Secondary School Teacher](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/secondary-school-teacher)
* [Charity Officer](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/charity-officer)
* [Solicitor](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/solicitor)

You can view additional job roles by using the [Prospects](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/history) and [Indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/finding-a-job/history-degree-jobs) websites.

Government intelligence work (MI5, MI6, and GCHQ), insurance and risk, retail management and accountancy are also popular and can all be looked at in more detail via the [Prospects A to Z](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/browse-a-to-z) of jobs.

See Prospects for further details on roles in [business, consulting and management](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/browse-sector/business-consulting-and-management) and information on [marketing, advertising and PR](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/browse-sector/marketing-advertising-and-pr) and careers in [media](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/browse-sector/media-and-internet).

## **Building Experience**

* Build work experience for example through [Campus Jobs](https://www.reading.ac.uk/essentials/Campus-Jobs) or [securing an internship](https://www.ratemyplacement.co.uk/)
* Find volunteering opportunities such as [Reading Voluntary Action](http://rva.org.uk/) and [Reading Students' Union](https://readingsu.co.uk/student-opportunities/volunteering-and-fundraising). To find out about volunteering at the University's museum try contacting [MERL](https://merl.reading.ac.uk/).
* Apply for a paid research internship [UROP](https://www.reading.ac.uk/essentials/Careers/Gaining-experience/UROP) (penultimate year students only)
* Apply for the [Reading Internship Scheme](https://www.reading.ac.uk/essentials/Careers/Gaining-experience/RIS) – these are paid summer opportunities with local employers which are exclusive to UoR students. These opportunities, and many others are advertised on [My Jobs Online](https://reading.targetconnect.net/home.html)
* Get a [Thrive mentor](https://www.reading.ac.uk/essentials/Careers/Advice-and-development/Mentoring/THRIVE) and build a relationship with a professional (penultimate year students only)
* Get involved in a society: look at the full list of [societies](https://readingsu.co.uk/student-opportunities/societies) for one aligned to your interests
* If you are thinking about teaching as a possible career, you could consider volunteering for the University’s [Students in Schools](https://www.reading.ac.uk/essentials/Opportunities/Volunteering/Students-in-Schools) scheme.

## **Finding Opportunities**

**Public Sector**

[Civil Service Jobs](https://www.civilservicejobs.service.gov.uk/csr/index.cgi) | [Local Government Jobs](https://www.lgjobs.com/?ga_client_id=512752cc-287b-4ec3-a9e0-93790690e39c) | [Jobs Go Public](https://www.jobsgopublic.com/?ga_client_id=771a3ba2-db31-4bf5-aff7-8bd7590f52c2)

**Librarian**

[Information Professional Jobs](https://informationprofessionaljobs.com/jobs/)

**Museum**

[Museums Association](https://www.museumsassociation.org/workforce) | [National Museums](https://www.nationalmuseums.org.uk/jobs/) | [English Heritage](https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/about-us/jobs) | [National Trust Jobs (ntjobs.org.uk](https://www.ntjobs.org.uk/)

**Media, Journalism and Broadcasting**

[BBC Work](https://www.bbc.co.uk/careers/work-experience) | [Broadcast Jobs](https://www.broadcastjobs.co.uk/) | [News Media Association](http://www.newsmediauk.org/) | [Campaign Live](https://www.campaignlive.co.uk/jobs/)

For journalism you may well need to take a postgraduate conversion course accredited by the [National Council for the Training of Journalists](http://www.nctj.com/) (nctj.com).

**Education**

[Get Into Teaching](https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/)

**Publishing**

[The Bookseller Jobs](https://jobs.thebookseller.com/) | [Publishers](https://www.publishers.org.uk/)

**Further Study/Research**

[University of Reading](https://www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/study/postgraduate-study.aspx) | [Find a Masters](https://www.findamasters.com/) | [Find a PhD](https://www.findaphd.com/)

**Graduate Jobs**

[prospects](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/).ac.uk | [targetjobs](https://targetjobs.co.uk/).co.uk | [milkround](https://www.milkround.com/).com | [ratemyplacement](https://www.ratemyplacement.co.uk/).co.uk | [gradcracker](https://www.gradcracker.com/search/civil-building/environment-and-sustainability-jobs).com

## **Exploring Further**

There are many professional bodies associated with these areas which can provide useful information for example, [artscouncil](https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/).org and the [Museums Association](https://www.museumsassociation.org/workforce).

The skills and knowledge you’ve developed in your degree will be valuable in a wide range of roles and sectors. If you’re thinking of looking further afield but aren’t sure where to start, why not [book an appointment](https://www.reading.ac.uk/essentials/Careers/Advice-and-development/MyJobsOnline) with one of our Careers Consultants? Remember, graduates can use the Careers Centre for up to two years after they graduate.

Explore our [Careers Blog](https://blogs.reading.ac.uk/careers/) for more industry guidance and useful careers advice!