

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Careers in Education

There are a wide range of roles for graduates in the education sector. [Prospects.ac.uk job profiles in education](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/education) list descriptions of 37 different jobs in this area, ranging from early years teaching to higher education lecturing, from teaching as an outdoor activities instructor to being a training and development officer within a human resources team, or working in educational publishing. Prospects features many roles as full job profiles, listing recommended resources for finding jobs and work experience, plus salary guidance, further job description and information on required qualifications.

Many graduates consider a career as a teacher in either primary or secondary schools. To qualify as a teacher, you need to train and receive Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). You don't necessarily need your degree to be in the subject that you plan to teach, and as well as courses (such as a PGCE) which involve tuition fees, there are scholarships and bursaries for some subject areas, as well as salaried routes (such as Teach First). There are also some specific additional options if you're a career changer, finishing a PhD or have school experience. See the [Department for Education summary on teacher training options \(getintoteaching.education.gov.uk\)](https://www.getintoteaching.education.gov.uk).

Careers in research and higher education

Research careers are more varied than simply roles as a [researcher/lecturer within a university setting](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/information-research-analysis). [Prospects.ac.uk job profiles in the areas of information, research and analysis](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/information-research-analysis) lists 27 different job areas which link with this skillset, from social research officer for the government, to research scientist in a medical setting, to a user experience (UX) researcher working in web design.

With this broad application of research skills, it's possible to find roles for researchers in commercial organisations, government departments, charities, smaller agencies and for freelance contracts.

For research roles which require depth of knowledge or technical specialist skills, it's common to see further qualifications sought by employers. For example, it's common for a research associate role to require at least masters level qualifications, but this can vary depending on the details of the exact role.

Key Resources

[Jobs.ac.uk](https://www.jobs.ac.uk) – UK job boards for roles in higher education or linked with academia, including PhD studentships.

[Vitae.ac.uk/researcher-careers](https://www.vitae.ac.uk/researcher-careers) – Research careers resource, including useful guides to creating an effective academic CV, and exploring research career opportunities.

[Researchjobfinder.com](https://www.researchjobfinder.com) – extensive job vacancy site for roles in research and insight (usually outside of academia).

[Getintoteaching.education.gov.uk](https://www.getintoteaching.education.gov.uk) – UK government advice and guidance on training to teach in Primary or Secondary schools, including details of events and a personalized support service for those keen to train to teach.

[Find-postgraduate-teacher-training.education.gov.uk](https://www.find-postgraduate-teacher-training.education.gov.uk) – Gov.uk service to identify teacher training courses by subject and region, including an at-a-glance overview of funding bursaries and scholarships available.

[UCAS.com/postgraduate/teacher-training](https://ucas.com/postgraduate/teacher-training) – portal for applying for postgraduate teacher training programmes in England and Wales.

[Reading University volunteering schemes \(student.reading.ac.uk\)](https://student.reading.ac.uk) – many of these schemes give valuable experience of education work that would enhance an application for internships or jobs in the sector, including Students in Schools, STaR Mentors, and Peer Assisted Learning.

[Tes.com/jobs](https://tes.com/jobs) – teaching and educational jobs – formerly the Times Educational Supplement.

[Schoolvacancies.co.uk](https://schoolvacancies.co.uk) or [Greensheets](https://greensheets.co.uk) – teaching and educational roles in central southern England (lots based in commutable distance from Reading).

