

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, pre-assessed useful information. The following profiles are available on Prospects (www.prospects.ac.uk).

- [Civil Service Fast Streamer](#)
- [Academic Librarian](#)
- [Archivist](#)
- [Museum/ Gallery Conservator](#)
- [Museum/ Gallery Curator](#)
- [Heritage Manager](#)
- [Newspaper Journalist](#)
- [Programme Researcher](#)
- [Secondary School Teacher](#)
- [Charity Officer](#)
- [Solicitor](#)

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](#) of jobs.

Finding Opportunities

Many of the links above have information about where to find vacancies, work experience, placements and what employers are looking for in their new graduate recruits. Some of the roles listed may require further study e.g. journalism, museums, law, etc. Some jobs require a more creative job search as they either don't have the funds to advertise widely (e.g. charities) or to deal with the hordes of applications from interested people e.g. publishing and PR. Sites with useful information include:

- [Civil Service Jobs](#)
- [Local Government Jobs](#)
- [Jobs Go Public](#)
- informationprofessionaljobs.com/jobs (for trainee Librarian roles)
- museumsassociation.org/workforce
- nationalmuseums.org.uk/jobs
- english-heritage.org.uk/about-us/jobs

- [National Trust Jobs \(ntjobs.org.uk\)](http://ntjobs.org.uk)
- [BBC Work](http://bbcwork.com) website for broadcasting work experience or broadcastjobs.co.uk
- getintoteaching.education.gov.uk
- For journalism you may well need to take a postgraduate conversion course accredited by the [National Council for the Training of Journalists \(nctj.com\)](http://nctj.com)
- For publishing see jobs.thebookseller.com
- For legal careers look at lawcareers.net
- See Prospects for further details on roles in [business, consulting and management](#) and information on [marketing, advertising and PR](#) and careers in [media](#).

To investigate further study see the [Prospects Postgraduate pages](#) for taught courses and PhDs and FindaMasters.com for taught master's courses, and FindaPhD.com for PhD opportunities.

Building Experience

Use any opportunities you can on campus, (and locally) to gain experience that will help you – for example [Reading Voluntary Action](#) and [RUSU](#) can help you get experience that will help for the Not for Profit sector and Student Media opportunities can help with journalistic experience.

Exploring Further

- For information on museums and galleries look at the artscouncil.org.uk website and the [Museums Association](#).
- To find out about volunteering at the University's museum try contacting [MERL](#).
- MERL has also produced a series of YouTube videos on [careers in museums and archives](#).
- For jobs within charities, public sector and NGOs try JobsGoPublic.com.
- To find publishers to approach for work experience or vacancies try publishers.org.uk.
- The LawSociety.org.uk gives a great overview of legal careers.
- The [News Media Association](#) (NMA) has information on national, regional and local news media organisations in the UK.
- Campaignlive.co.uk/jobs for jobs in media.

The skills and knowledge you have gained in your degree will be valuable in a wide range of roles and job sectors. If you are not sure what you want or want to explore other roles but aren't sure where to start why not visit the [Explore](#) pages of our website or book an appointment with one of our Career Consultants?

