

METEOROLOGY

OVERVIEW

Meteorology graduates typically look to the forecasting and the Environmental Consultancies sectors for career options. Presentation skills can draw you into Broadcasting and interpretative forecast skills may attract you to roles in utility companies or within the Service industries e.g. RAF. However, many Government Agency roles, Research Centres, Teaching, Academia, Public Sector opportunities and Banking roles are well suited to the analytical and research skills of a meteorology graduate.

Roles

Here are some examples of job roles that are relevant to this field of study. Some of these may require further training or specialisation and work experience. The following profiles are available on Prospects (www.prospects.ac.uk).

- [Meteorologist](#)
- [Catastrophe risk analyst](#)
- [Environmental consultant](#)
- [Energy manager](#)
- [Air traffic controller](#)
- [Research scientist](#)
- [Weather presenter](#)
- [Hydrologist](#)

Finding Opportunities

Much of the information you need about vacancies can be found on the links above and can assist you with finding work experience, placements and permanent jobs. If you are interested in working as a meteorologist, it is worth approaching some of the consultancies alongside searching for advertised vacancies. Many students secure summer work experience by contacting companies direct. Some useful jobs boards to check for vacancies (including post-grad opportunities) include:

- [Royal Society of Meteorology Jobs Board \(jobs.rmets.org\)](http://jobs.rmets.org)
- [Met Office Jobs Board \(metoffice.gov.uk\)](http://metoffice.gov.uk)
- [Reading University Met Jobs Board \(met.rdg.ac.uk\)](http://met.rdg.ac.uk)
- [European Medium-range weather forecasts \(ecmwf.int/en\)](http://ecmwf.int/en)
- [Natural Environment Research Centre \(nerc.ukri.org\)](http://nerc.ukri.org)
- [Environment Consultancies Directory \(endsjobsearch.co.uk/jobs\)](http://endsjobsearch.co.uk/jobs)
- [Earth Works Jobs Board \(earthworks-jobs.com\)](http://earthworks-jobs.com)
- [Environment Agency Jobs Board](#)
- Consultancies include: Meteogroup.com, Weatherquest.co.uk, MetDesk.com, Fugro.com,

To find opportunities outside of meteorology you can look at Prospects.ac.uk, TargetJobs.co.uk and Gradcracker.com.

Building Experience

During your degree at Reading you will have the opportunity to apply for summer placements or a year-long professional placement; second years can apply for a paid research summer project called [UROP](#), and all these opportunities will help you decide if pursuing a career in meteorology is right for you and provide you with invaluable experience. You can also apply for non-meteorology related work experience as the skills you gain from studying this discipline such as handling data, numeracy and problem solving are all sought after by many employers. Come and talk with a Careers Consultant if you would like to explore any of these options or if you would like help with applying for opportunities.

