

Careers and Employability Service

What Can I Do With My Degree?

Environmental 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

Geography graduates are also equipped for numerous roles in a wide variety of career sectors. Some popular roles include: Civil Service, market research, human resources, consultancy, analyst roles, teaching, among many more.

The resources below will enable you to explore these in more detail.

[Prospects](#)

[TargetJobs](#)

[National Careers Service](#)

[What Do Graduates Do?](#)

[Environmental alumni career profiles](#)

[CIEEM career profile Blogs](#)

[IES 'work2savetheworld' \(YouTube video\)](#)

Links to selected professional bodies and associations

Professional bodies offer careers information and jobs boards, your degree accreditation may mean free or reduced student membership. Many of the resources are open access.

Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES) <https://www.the-ies.org/careers>

The IES has an 'Into work' scheme for graduates, offers Mentoring with professionals, internships in its London offices, lots of resources and information, plus a jobs board

CIWEM - Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management

<http://www.ciwemjobs.org/>

The CIWEM jobs board covers Water and Environmental Engineering, Flood Risk Management, Water and Wastewater Management, Hydrology, Ecology and Conservation, Environmental Assessment and Management and Sustainability.

Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management <http://www.cieem.net/>

CIEEM represents and supports ecologists and environmental managers in the UK and abroad. Useful Students and Careers section, plus Jobs board. Also contains a Professional Directory which can be searched on location or key word – potential for **work experience** contacts.

Institute of Environmental Management & Assessment www.iema.net

The Institute offers ongoing support to environmental professionals. Useful Jobs section

British Ecological Society www.britishecologicalsociety.org

Source of careers advice, events, newsletter, journals and links to volunteering opportunities

Institute of Fisheries Management <https://ifm.org.uk/>

Events and training, information, annual internship in Electro-fishing

Field Studies Council www.field-studies-council.org

The FSC has a national network of 17 education centres, international outreach training projects, research programmes, information and publication services and wide range of professional training and leisure courses. The FSC offers a 1 year placement and a 13 month Trainee Tutor scheme.

Renewable UK www.renewableuk.com

The trade and professional body for the UK wind and marine renewables industries, includes wind, wave and tidal.

ENDS www.endsjobsearch.co.uk and <http://www.endsdirectory.com/>

Environmental recruitment specialists. The ENDS Directory provides access to listings of consultancies, their areas of expertise, contact details, etc, good for sourcing work experience.

Edie – water – waste - energy <http://www.edie.net/>

On line community for sustainability, designed to help professionals working in this area and includes a jobs listing and an e-newsletter as well as lots of resources and information.

[Department for Education \(Get Into Teaching\)](#)

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.

Please note there is a lot of overlap between jobs sites.

Greenjobs network of jobs sites with facility to upload CV:

[Conservation Jobs](#) www.conservationjobsuk.com

[Environmental Jobs](#) www.environmentaljobsuk.com

Green Jobs www.greenjobs.co.uk

All areas of the environmental and renewable energy marketplace

Renewable Energy Jobs www.renewableenergyjobsuk.com

Solar Jobs www.solarjobsuk.com

Waste Jobs www.wastejobsuk.com

All areas of the waste and recycling industry sectors

Water Jobs www.waterjobsuk.com

Wind Jobs www.windjobsuk.com

Earthworks www.earthworks-jobs.com

Ecology and environmental science jobs, covers an extensive range of job options

Countryside Jobs www.countryside-jobs.com

Countryside, conservation and environmental science jobs

Stopdodo <http://www.environmentjobs.com/>

Wide range of jobs in the environmental sector. UK – Abroad; Paid – Voluntary. Sign up for job alerts.

Lantra <http://www.lantra.co.uk/Jobs.aspx>

Land based and environmental industry jobs and training.

The Guardian <http://jobs.guardian.co.uk/jobs/environment>

Weekly section for environmental jobs

Countryside Jobs Service – Information and vacancies in the conservation and country sector

Environment Agency – Information on entry level schemes for the Environment Agency

Environment Jobs – Database of jobs within the environment sector

Forestry Commission – Entry level and internship opportunities within the organisation

Nature England – jobs board carries vacancies from work experience and short-term appointments through to management and executive positions

Nature – Browse for jobs and internships in science and the environment

Recruitment specialists (focus may be on non- entry level jobs)

Acre <https://www.acre.com/>

Environment and Sustainability recruitment

Evergreen Resources specialists www.evergreen.org.uk

Environmental recruitment specialists

Allen & York <https://www.allen-york.com/disciplines/environment>
Built and Natural Environment specialist

Volunteering

Need help getting your volunteering off the ground? Contact the Careers and Employability Service <http://www.southampton.ac.uk/careers/students/work-experience/volunteering.page?>

Volunteering Opportunities (Local):

Hampshire County Council
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment>

Hampshire Conservation Volunteers <http://www.hcv.org.uk/>

Hampshire and IOW Wildlife Trust <http://www.hiwwt.org.uk/> (see also national organisation)

Titchfield Haven National Nature Reserve
www.hants.gov.uk/countryside/titchfield

Marwell Wildlife www.marwell.org.uk

Volunteering Opportunities (UK):

Groundwork www.groundwork.org.uk

Conservation and Community projects by region

The Conservation Volunteers <http://www.tcv.org.uk/>

Wildlife Trust www.wildlifetrusts.org

Volunteering and paid opportunities

RSPB www.rspb.org.uk

National Trust www.nationaltrust.org.uk

The National Trust works to preserve and protect the coastline, countryside and buildings of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Source of volunteering and job opportunities

Woodland Trust www.woodland-trust.org.uk

The Monkey Sanctuary www.monkeysanctuary.org (Dorset)

Cetacean Research & Rescue Unit www.crru.org.uk (summer research opportunities)

Waterway Recovery Group www.wrg.org.uk Working holidays to restore derelict canals

Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens www.farmgarden.org.uk
Search facilities for local operations and possible volunteering opportunities.

Volunteering (UK & Abroad):

Frontier www.frontier.ac.uk

Conservation projects worldwide

Coral Cay Conservation <http://www.coralcay.org/>

Marine conservation expeditions and volunteer diving projects

Green Force <http://www.greenforce.org/>

Part of Gapforce. Worldwide volunteering opportunities in conservation, teaching and construction.

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