Below is an overview of the kinds of employment sectors, organisations and professions that recent History postgraduates have entered, based on responses to ‘Destinations of Leavers’ surveys conducted six months after graduation.

Popular employment sectors
- Accounting, auditing and tax consultancy
- Defence
- Museum activities
- Operation of historical sites and visitor attractions
- Secondary education
- Social work
- Primary education

Range of employers
- Alcester Heritage Network
- Birmingham Pen Museum
- British Psychological Society
- Dementia UK (charity)
- HistoGlobe (visualisation and history marketing software)
- HSBC
- KPMG
- Ministry of Defence
- National Trust
- University of Birmingham
- University of Kent
- William Brookes School
- British Army
- ITV
- The Daily Telegraph

Typical occupations
- Accountant
- Aviation Safety Consultant
- Civil Servant
- Content Developer
- Data Analyst
- Director of Policy
- Fundraiser
- Head of Operations
- Military Historian
- Teacher
- Lecturer
- Postgraduate Recruitment Advisor
- Premises and Engineering Intern
- Tour Guide

‘My key motivation for undertaking postgraduate study was the desire to be intellectually challenged and the wish to pursue my preferred career path. A Masters course is often a necessary gateway to PhD study. However, the Masters should not be overlooked as an entity within itself. Postgraduate study at Masters level helps you stand out from the crowd in any form of employment. I knew that, whatever my final career path may be, postgraduate study would give me the tools to pursue a successful career.

This degree has prepared me for the even greater step up which is doctoral research. In a taught Masters, much is learnt about the art of independent study. This is crucial when undertaking doctoral research, which requires a level of self study that is not seen at undergraduate level. If a different career path is undertaken, then the degree has equipped me with a number of different, incredibly broad, life skills – such as research, time management, networking and public speaking – just to name a few.’

RYAN GREENSTREET, MA History of Warfare alumnus

GET IN TOUCH WITH OUR MENTORS: www.pg.bham.ac.uk/mentors