

GEOGRAPHY

Where will your postgraduate degree take you?

BELOW IS AN OVERVIEW OF THE KINDS OF EMPLOYMENT SECTORS, ORGANISATIONS AND PROFESSIONS THAT RECENT GEOGRAPHY POSTGRADUATES HAVE ENTERED, BASED ON RESPONSES TO 'DESTINATIONS OF LEAVERS' SURVEYS CONDUCTED SIX MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION.

Popular employment sectors

- Administration of the state and the social and economic policy of the community
- Architectural and engineering activities and related technical consultancy
- Business and management consultancy
- Construction of residential and non-residential buildings
- Construction of roads and railways
- Engineering activities and related technical consultancy
- General public administration
- Higher education
- Regulation of the activities of providing health care, education, cultural services and other social services, excluding social security
- Research and experimental development in natural sciences and engineering

Range of employers

- Advantage West Midlands
- Akzonobel
- Amey
- Buglife
- Centre for Ecology and Hydrology
- Environment Agency

- Groundwork Black Country
- Henley Research International
- Homes and Communities Agency
- Nissan Technical Centre Europe Ltd
- Severn Trent Water Ltd
- Sustainability West Midlands
- The NEC Group
- University of Birmingham
- University of Oxford

Range of occupations

- Civil Servant
- Cultural Researcher
- Development Officer
- Director
- Economic Development Officer
- Enterprise Officer
- Environmental Planner
- Freshwater Biologist
- Graduate Transport Planner
- Hydrologist
- Lecturer
- Research Fellow
- Strategic Planner
- Sustainability Officer
- Technical Planner



'There were plenty of job opportunities open to me after my Masters and while I chose to continue on to PhD study, most of the people from my year had jobs lined up for when the course finished. There were a range of roles which graduates could apply for; I saw adverts come up for the Met Office, Weather Services International, Vaisala and MeteoGroup. I also know of people who went straight into working for various environmental and engineering consultancies. There are a lot of opportunities out there which the MSc is both directly and indirectly relevant to. We had a course noticeboard in the MSc room where staff members would post any job adverts they'd come across that they thought would be of interest to people on the course – this was really useful as it helped us to keep up with the potential jobs that were out there and meant we knew when application deadlines were coming up.'

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