

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Where will your postgraduate degree take you?

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

Popular employment sectors

- Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies
- Activities of other membership organisations
- Foreign affairs
- General public administration
- Higher education
- Management consultancy
- Other human health activities
- Research and experimental development on social sciences and humanities
- Secondary education
- Social work activities without accommodation

Range of employers

- Barclays
- Core Assets Fostering and Children's Services Group
- Cyprus Post
- Department for International Development
- Home Office
- International Medical Corps UK
- Islamic Relief
- Ministry of Finance
- Osman Consulting

- Planned Parenthood Federation of Nigeria
- Somali Disability and Elderly Support Group
- Universal Learning Solutions (educational consultancy firm)
- Visa Europe

Range of occupations

- Corporate Social Responsibility Assistant
- Development Officer
- Economic Planning Officer
- Financial Crime Analyst
- Fundraising Manager
- Global Literacy Intern
- Global Microfinance Advisor
- Governance Programme Manager
- Health Programme Coordinator
- Languages Teacher
- Mental Health Practitioner
- Project Development Coordinator
- Programme Officer
- Regional and Commercial Partner Lead (UK Visas and Immigration)
- Researcher
- Senior Lecturer
- Support Worker



'My advice to current students would be to get as much experience as you can whilst you are studying – do an internship, work at the University, approach local businesses for work experience – whatever will improve your employability when you leave but also help shape your ideas for your career.'

The main thing I like about my current job is feeling like I am contributing to something. As clichéd as it sounds, I studied International Development at Birmingham because I wanted to make a difference in the world and challenge inequality. Working for the Liberal Democrats, I feel that I am helping to challenge entrenched interests and give people an equal opportunity in life.'

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