All the answers to student career questions

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I want to go into...

Accountancy and financial management
Civil and structural engineering
Construction and building services
Consulting
Consumer goods and FMCG
Engineering
Fashion

Law barristers
Law solicitors

Financial services and insurance
Healthcare
Hospitality, leisure and travel
HR and recruitment
Investment banking and investment
IT and technology

Logistics, transport and supply chain
Management and business
Marketing, advertising and PR
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Retail, buying and merchandising
Sales
Science and research
Teaching and education
I want an ethical career

Jobs with integrity: The only way is ethics
How to get a graduate job working with refugees
How do I get a graduate job in a charity?
What starting salary can I expect as a graduate working for a charity?
Your graduate career options in charity work
Look outside the box to start your graduate charity career
A graduate’s guide to charity jobspeak
Aid worker/humanitarian worker: job description
Graduate schemes and internships in the charity/not-for-profit sector
How to qualify as a graduate social worker
How do I get a graduate job in social work?
Pressing for change: working for a pressure group
Boost your chances of getting a job with charities or not-for-profits
I want a green career

Green careers: graduate jobs that helps the environment

Environmental education officer: job description
What does an energy conservation officer do?
What does an environmental health officer do?
What does a fisheries officer do?
What does a nature conservation officer do?
What does a recycling officer do?
What does a water conservation officer do?
What does an environmental manager do?
What does an environmental scientist do?

Green careers in law
- environmental law
- energy law

Green careers in engineering
- energy (power generation)
- utilities
I want to work abroad...

Asia
Australia
Brazil
Canada
Denmark
Europe
France

Germany
Italy
Japan
Mexico
New Zealand
Norway
Saudi Arabia

South Korea
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
United Arab Emirates
US
Equality and diversity

Equality and diversity issues and your graduate job hunt
Social mobility, equality and diversity at the Bar
People with a criminal record: diversity matters
Getting a graduate job when you have dyslexia
Diversity in investment banking careers and what it means for you
Graduate job hunting and neurodiversity: questions of disclosure and adjustments
Neurodiversity-friendly graduate employers and how to find them
Job descriptions: A to Z of careers

Academic librarian
Accountant
Accounting technician
Actuary
Adult nurse
Advertising account executive
Advertising account planner
Advertising copywriter
Advice worker
Advocate (Scotland)
Aeronautical engineer
Agricultural consultant
Agricultural manager
Aid worker/humanitarian worker
Air traffic controller
Airline cabin crew
Amenity horticulturist
Analytical chemist
Animal nutritionist
Animator
Archaeologist
Architect
Architectural technologist
Archivist
Armed forces officer
Aromatherapist
Art therapist
Arts administrator
Auditor
Automotive engineer
Barrister
Barrister’s clerk
Bilingual secretary
Biomedical engineer
Biomedical scientist
Biotechnologist
Brand manager
Broadcasting presenter
Building control officer/surveyor
Building services engineer
Building surveyor
Business analyst
Camera operator
Careers adviser (higher education)
Careers adviser
Careers consultant
Cartographer
Catering manager
Charities administrator
Charities fundraiser
Chemical (process) engineer
Child psychotherapist
Children’s nurse
Chiropractor
Civil engineer
Civil Service administrator
Clinical biochemist
Clinical cytogeneticist
Clinical microbiologist
Clinical molecular geneticist
Clinical research associate
Clinical scientist – tissue typing
Clothing and textile technologist
Colour technologist
Commercial airline pilot
Commercial horticulturist
Commercial/residential/rural surveyor
Commissioning editor
Commissioning engineer
Commodity broker
Communications engineer
Community arts worker
Community education officer
Community worker
Company secretary
Computer sales support
Computer scientist
Conference organiser
Consultant
Consumer rights adviser
Control and instrumentation engineer
Corporate banker
Corporate treasurer
Counsellor
Court reporter/verbatim reporter
Credit analyst
Crown Prosecution Service lawyer
Crystallographer
Curator
Customs officer
Cyber security specialist
Dance movement psychotherapist
Data analyst
Data scientist
Data visualisation analyst
Database administrator
Debt/finance adviser
Dental hygienist
Dentist
Design engineer
Dietitian
Diplomatic service
Doctor (general practitioner, GP)
Doctor (hospital)
Dramatherapist
Economist
Editorial assistant
Education administrator
Electrical engineer
Electronics engineer
Employment advice worker
Energy conservation officer
Engineering geologist
Environmental education officer
IT support analyst
Journalist
Laboratory technician
Land-based engineer
Landscape architect
Learning disability nurse
Learning mentor
Lecturer (adult education)
Lecturer (further education)
Lecturer (higher education)
Legal executive
Leisure centre manager
Licensed conveyancer
Local government administrator
Local government lawyer
Logistics/distribution manager
Magazine features editor
Magazine journalist
Maintenance engineer
Management accountant
Manufacturing engineer
Manufacturing machine operator
Manufacturing toolmaker
Marine scientist
Market research analyst
Market research executive
Marketing assistant
Marketing executive
Marketing manager (direct)
Marketing manager (social media)
Materials engineer
Materials specialist
Mechanical engineer
Media analyst
Media buyer
Media planner
Medical physicist
Medical representative
Mental health nurse
Metallurgist
Meteorologist
Microbiologist
Midwife
Mining engineer
Mobile developer
Multimedia programmer
Multimedia specialists
Museum education officer
Museum/gallery exhibition officer
Music therapist
Nanoscientist
Nature conservation officer
Naval architect
Network administrator
Nurse
Nutritional therapist
Nutritionist
Occupational therapist
Oceanographer
Office manager
Operational researcher
Orthoptist
Outdoor pursuits manager
Packaging technologist
Paramedic
Patent attorney
Patent examiner
Pension scheme manager
Personal assistant
Petroleum engineer
Pharmacist
Pharmacologist
Pharmacovigilance officer
Photographer
Physiotherapist
Picture researcher
Planning and development surveyor
Planning technician
Plant breeder
Police officer
Political party agent
Political researcher
Practice nurse
Press photographer
Press sub-editor
Prison officer
Private music teacher
Probation officer
Product development scientist
Production manager
Programme researcher
Project manager
Psychologist (clinical)
Psychologist (educational)
Psychotherapist
Public affairs consultant (lobbyist)
Public affairs consultant (research)
Public house manager
Public librarian
Public relations (PR) officer
QA analyst
Quality assurance manager
Quantity surveyor
Records manager
Recruitment consultant
Recycling officer
Regulatory affairs officer
Research chemist
Research scientist
Restaurant manager
Retail banker
Retail buyer
Retail manager
Retail merchandiser
Retail pharmacist
Sales executive
Scene of crime officer
Secretary
Seismic interpreter
Site engineer
Site manager
Social researcher
Social worker
Software developer
Soil scientist
Solicitor
Speech and language therapist
Sports coach
Sports development officer
Sports therapist
Statistician
Stockbroker
Structural engineer
Systems analyst
Systems developer
Tax inspector
Teacher (nursery/early years)
Teacher (primary)
Teacher (secondary)
Teacher (special educational needs)
Teaching/classroom assistant
Technical author
Technical sales engineer
TEFL/TESL teacher
Television production assistant
Test automation developer
Tour guide
Tour operator
Tour/holiday representative
Tourism officer

Tourist information manager
Town and country planner
Toxicologist
Trade union research officer
Trader
Trading standards officer
Training and development officer
Translator
Transportation planner
Travel agent
TV/film/theatre set designer
UX designer
Validation engineer
Veterinary nurse
Veterinary surgeon
Video game designer
Video game developer
Volunteer work organiser
Waste disposal officer
Waste management officer
Water conservation officer
Water engineer
Web designer
Web developer
Welfare rights adviser
Writer
Youth worker
Essential insights

Employer profiles (filter by sector)
Our A to Z of top graduate employers draws together advice and information about career opportunities to help you research who you want to work for and how to apply successfully.

Top rated employers by sector
UK 300: top accounting and financial management employers
UK 300: top banking, insurance and financial services employers
UK 300: top charity and not-for-profit employers
UK 300: top construction, civil engineering and surveying employers
UK 300: top consulting employers
UK 300: top consumer goods (manufacturing and marketing) employers
UK 300: top energy and utilities employers
UK 300: top engineering, design and manufacturing employers
UK 300: top hospitality, leisure and tourism employers
UK 300: top investment banking and investment employers
UK 300: top IT and technology employers
UK 300: top barristers chambers
UK 300: top law firms
UK 300: top logistics, transport and supply chain employers
UK 300: top media and advertising employers
UK 300: top property employers
UK 300: top public sector employers
UK 300: top retail employers
UK 300: top scientific research and development employers
Work experience

General advice
Work experience and internships: your first and second year timetable
Your work experience options: shadowing, internship and much more
Ten good reasons to look for work experience with small employers
Applying for unadvertised graduate jobs and work experience
Getting work experience after graduation
CVs and covering letters for work experience
How to shine in your work experience interview
Work experience tips: what to do on the first day of your internship

Sector specific
Getting work experience in an accounting firm
Construction work experience: what you need and how to get it
Engineering work experience: a beginner’s guide
Getting a graduate job in hospitality: suitable work experience
The investment banking work experience pipeline and what it means for you
Work experience/internships in retail banking, insurance, regulation or actuarial science
Getting graduate work experience in journalism
Getting legal work experience: advice for first years
Mini-pupillages: the best way to boost your work experience at the Bar
Getting work experience in the media and publishing industry
Work experience in public service
How to find publishing and journalism graduate jobs and work experience
Use pro bono and other legal work experience to get a pupillage
From property intern to graduate surveyor: top tips for standing out and selling your work experience
Retail work experience: what’s available and how it could help you
Work experience: a crucial way to get into graduate social work careers
How to get the work experience you need to teach
Placement and internships

**General advice**
Discover hidden internships: the art of speculative applications
How to get an internship with a big graduate employer
How to answer internship application form questions
How to answer five unspoken internship interview questions
International internships: your options explained
The top ten employers with commercial graduate schemes and internships
The law on unpaid internships: know your rights
Time to shine! Six ways to become a star intern
Why extracurricular activities will get you hired

**Sector specific**
Business management internships: how to get one
Graduate schemes and internships in the charity/not-for-profit sector
Employers offering summer internships and industrial placement years in civil engineering, construction and quantity surveying
How to get a consulting internship: top tips
Placement year in logistics and supply chain: nine reasons why and how to apply
Which engineering employers offer summer internships or industrial placements?
What to plan for your summer if you can’t find an engineering internship
Fashion internships and other work experience
Internships in banking and investment
Which IT and technology employers offer summer internships or industrial placements?
How to find an industrial placement for your IT degree
Why and when to apply for vacation schemes in law firms
Property internships: when and how to apply
What you can do if you don’t have a property internship
Part-time work

Balancing study and part-time work
Full-time student, part-time worker? Know your employment rights
Part-time jobs that will kick-start your graduate career
Ten skills you’ll gain from working in part-time retail jobs
Ten skills you’ll gain from part-time delivery jobs
Ten skills you can gain from doing a part-time bar job
Part-time jobs that will give you marketing and PR skills
Ten (non-dodgy) ways to make money as a student

Gap years

‘What are my gap year options?’ and other FAQs about taking time out
After graduation: alternatives to getting a job
Additional resources

Graduate application form advice
The graduate's guide to job application forms
Dealing with gaps in graduate CVs and applications
How to answer internship application form questions
Online applications to accountancy firms: how to be the best graduate for the job
Good and bad sample application answers for construction jobs
Online applications to consulting firms
How to write a great application for a graduate job in consumer products
How graduates can engineer great online job applications
Acing online application forms for insurance, retail banking and actuarial graduate jobs
Online applications for jobs and internships in investment banking and investment
How to make online pupillage applications
Answering application form questions for management graduate schemes
Online applications for technology graduate schemes

Example CVs
CV template: annotated CV
CV template: penultimate year
CV template: final year
CV template: engineering
CV template: investment banking
CV template: IT & technology
CV template: law vacation scheme
Covering letter templates and advice
Covering letter template: general
Covering letter template: engineering
Covering letter template: investment banking
Covering letter template: IT & technology
Covering letter template: law vacation scheme
Covering letter essentials
Four classic covering letter blunders (how to avoid them)

Psychometric tests: ability, aptitude and personality
Psychometric tests: what they are and why do you need to know
How to pass verbal reasoning tests for graduate jobs
How to succeed in inductive reasoning tests for graduate jobs
The Graduate Benchmark
Numerical reasoning test 1
Numerical reasoning test 2
Verbal reasoning test 1
Verbal reasoning test 2
Diagrammatic reasoning test 1
Diagrammatic reasoning test 2
Logical reasoning test 1
Logical reasoning test 2
Deductive reasoning test
Inductive reasoning test 1
Inductive reasoning test 2
Assessment centres
How to prepare for an assessment centre
The graduate's guide to assessment centres
Group exercises: what to expect
Coping with case studies for graduate jobs
Written exercises at assessment centres: showcase your professionalism
Deliver a presentation that's worthy of a graduate job
What are in-tray exercises?
Graduate assessment centre etiquette: handling the social side

Interviews
Different types of interviews
How to handle a telephone interview
Panel interviews: how to face more than one interviewer
Strengths-based interviews for jobs and grad schemes
Expert performance tips for Skype and video interviews
How to answer typical competency-based interview questions
Technical interviews for graduate roles: the basics
Answering values-based interview questions for graduate jobs

Interview techniques and tips
Make the best first impression with graduate recruiters
Body talk: the right moves for graduate job interviews
Dress for success at your graduate job interviews
Tips for graduates: how to deal with job interview nerves
Deal with the job-hunter’s biggest fear: tricky interview questions
The eight interviewers you’ll face on your graduate job hunt
What questions should you ask in a graduate job interview?
Last-minute interview confidence boost: if you don't feel it, fake it!
How to recover from a nightmare interview
Eight steps to graduate interview success
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What are the top 10 skills that’ll get you a job when you graduate?
Ten skills you’ll gain from working in part-time retail jobs
Problem solving: the mark of an independent employee
The top nine tricky interview questions and how to answer them

**Tricky interview questions**

‘What motivates you?’
‘Give an example of a time when you showed initiative.’
‘What can you bring to the company?’
‘What is your most significant achievement?’
‘How do you manage your time and prioritise tasks?’
‘If you were a superhero, what would your superpower be?’
‘Give us an example of a time when you faced an ethical dilemma.’