

Careers with a History degree

History graduates are employed in a wide variety of roles, from financial services to education, social work, and the media. They have skills that encompass the public, private and third sectors, and often move across different careers and sectors in their working lives.

1. Job options

Jobs directly related to your degree include:

- Heritage Manager
- Historic Buildings Inspector or Conservation Officer
- Museum Education Officer
- Museum or Gallery Curator
- Museum or Gallery Exhibitions Officer
- Secondary School Teacher

Jobs where your degree would be useful include:

- Academic Librarian
- Archaeologist
- Archivist
- Broadcast Journalist
- Civil Service Administrator
- Editorial Assistant
- Information Officer
- PPC Specialist
- Politician's Assistant
- Solicitor
- Web Content Manager

To find out more go to www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/browse-a-to-z

Remember that many employers accept qualifications from graduates with any degree subject, so don't restrict your thinking to the jobs listed here. See section 7 of this leaflet for resources to help you explore other options that may suit you.

2. Work experience

Look for volunteering or work experience opportunities with organisations and businesses that you are interested in working for, or that will help you develop the skills relevant to your career interests. For example, if you're interested in a career in curatorship, try to get experience working with museum collections.

Volunteering to work for a heritage organisation or museum is another useful way of getting into the sector. Use any opportunities to build up a network of contacts.

If you are looking for a career in a different area, such as banking or law, internships offer the chance for more structured work experience and are usually well advertised, making them easier to find. Competition for places is strong so research the company well before applying. Organisations such as Bright Networks and Forage offer virtual work experience opportunities.

3. Finding relevant work experience

To search for voluntary opportunities:

- www.do-it.org
- www.worcsu.com/volunteer/
- thehiveworcester.org.uk

Below are a sample of the types of organisations who may provide voluntary or paid opportunities to develop your experience whilst at university:

- Archaeological sites/groups
- Civil Service
- Education providers
- Galleries
- Heritage sites (e.g. historic houses/stately homes/parks/gardens/landscapes)
- Heritage charities and organisations
- Law firms
- Libraries
- Local history associations
- Museums, records and archives offices
- Re-enactment societies
- Media organisations
- Visitor/tourist attraction sites

Do an online search for any of the above in Worcestershire/your home location to find out more about their opportunities & try the following sites:

- <http://new.archaeologyuk.org/>
- www.archives.org.uk/careers.html
- <https://www.cilip.org.uk/page/JobsandCareers>
- www.english-heritage.org.uk/
- www.historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/
- www.history.org.uk/
- <https://icon.org.uk/>
- www.museumjobs.com/
- <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>
- www.nationaltrust.org.uk/
- www.spab.org.uk/
- www.tcv.org.uk/about

Local organisations who may offer work experience/voluntary work:

- [Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings](#)
- [Croome Court](#)
- [Greyfriars House & Garden](#)
- [Harvington Hall](#)
- [Hartlebury Museum](#)
- [Museum of Royal Worcester](#)
- [Spetchley Park Gardens](#)
- [The Commandery](#)
- [The Hive](#)
- [Tudor House Museum](#)
- [Witley Court & Gardens](#)
- [Worcester City Art Gallery & Museum](#)
- [Worcester Medical Museums](#)

Search for placements and find out more about [work experience and internships](#).

4. Typical employers

Employers of history graduates include:

- accountancy firms
- banks
- higher education institutions (HEIs)
- law firms
- management consultancies
- publishing companies
- retailers
- schools
- television and radio broadcasters.

National and local government and the public services also attract history graduates, particularly the civil service (with some graduates applying to the Civil Service Fast Stream), NHS management, the police and armed services.

International development organisations, charities and heritage organisations are also potential employers, as well as museums and libraries.

Find information on employers in [law](#), [teaching and education](#), [public services and administration](#) and other [job sectors](#).

5. Skills for your CV

A degree in history develops your:

- ability to construct an argument and communicate findings in a logical, clear and persuasive manner, both orally and in writing
- ability to discuss ideas in groups, and to negotiate, question and summarise
- ability to gather, investigate and assess material & use different sources to cross-reference
- ability to spot a train of events

- appreciation of the different factors that influence the activities of groups and individuals in society
- capability to work without direct supervision and manage time and priorities effectively
- capacity to condense or expand facts, ideas and arguments
- capacity to think objectively and approach problems and new situations with an open mind
- critical reasoning and analytical skills, including the capacity for solving problems and thinking creatively
- intellectual rigour and independence, including the ability to conduct detailed research.

6. Further study

Some history graduates go on to further study at Masters level in order to specialise in an area of history and cultures of interest to them. However, many postgraduate courses accept graduates from any subject and this allows history graduates to choose subjects such as: accountancy, journalism, law, librarianship, museum studies, teaching.

Courses of further study include the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) in primary or secondary teaching, the Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL), Masters courses in information management and museum studies, and certificates in corporate finance and personnel practice.

For more information on further study and to find a course that interests you, see [Masters degrees](#) and [search postgraduate courses](#).

7. Other options

If you are not sure about which career path to take, you may need to think about your own strengths, skills and interests, as well as exploring other possible routes. The following resources can help:

- <https://www2.worc.ac.uk/careers/careerplanning.html>
- [Quick Guide to Career Planning](#) online or pick up a copy from **firstpoint**
- Career Planner pathway on [myCareer](#), an interactive tool to help you make career choices

If you would like to book a careers appointment to discuss your options, please visit: <https://worcester.targetconnect.net>

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