Banking, Investment and Insurance

Roles in this sector can be divided into:

- Banking and investment providing financial services to companies, governments and other institutions
- Retail and private banking offering a range of banking services to businesses and individuals
- Insurance offering cover for almost every aspect of life from car insurance to insuring risk faced by large organisations.

There are a wide range of jobs available as this is a complex area. The UK financial sector employs over 7% of UK employment with the UK insurance market being the largest in Europe. The sector has seen growth in the last five years. A large number of the jobs are in London, but some finance roles can be found in major cities particularly Edinburgh, Leeds, Manchester and Birmingham.

If you are interested in high financial rewards and want to work in a fast paced and high pressure environment which has a focus on achieving immediate results this could be the job for you. Working hours are typically higher than most other graduate roles. While some organisations will look for a business or numerate degree a good number of roles are open to students who can offer the client related skills that are essential to this area – a number of roles, particularly banking in the City look for relevant work experience gained through internships. Competition for jobs – especially in investment banking is very high so you need to be able to offer the skills, motivation and sheer ability the industry is looking for.

**Key Resources**

**Banking and Investment**

- **eFinancial Careers**
  Key site for investment banking focusing on job vacancies but also contains up to date news items

- **Inside Careers Guide to Banking and Investment**
  Comprehensive source of information covering job roles, organisational profiles and where to find vacancies

- **Target Jobs, Finance**
  Major publication providing a good overview of banking investment and insurance

- **Prospects Sector Briefing Accountancy, Banking and Finance**
  A good starting point for the sector linking to specific job profiles that provide lots of useful information

- **All about Finance Careers**
  Good website covering all areas of finance

- **CityJobs**
  Niche recruitment agency jobs in the City

- **ASKIVY**
  Created by industry professionals, hundreds of articles, careers advice and interview guides covering every area of the sector – includes an excellent list of London boutique banks

Access this page and more industries at [reading.ac.uk/careers/resources](http://reading.ac.uk/careers/resources)
Insurance

Inside Careers, Insurance
Gives a good overview of careers in insurance and where to get jobs

Graduates at Lloyds
Website designed by the Lloyds Market Association to assist graduates in looking for a career in the Lloyds market

Discover Risk
List of employers who may have summer jobs and some very good case studies showing you what the jobs look like

Insurance Jobs
Features job adverts and you can register for job alerts and there is also a careers advice section

Insurance Times Jobs
Contains some graduate level jobs

You may also be interested in...

- Accountancy and Financial Services
- Business, Management and Consultancy