CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

Overview

The majority of Construction Management graduates enter the industry as building surveyors or quantity surveyors, both in the UK and overseas. Employers range from private, small to medium sized enterprises, large corporations as well as government departments such as health authorities.

Graduates from this discipline choose a wide range of other sectors and roles such as accountancy, banking, finance, teaching, public sector, transport, logistics, business, management consultancy, energy and utilities.

Roles

Here are some examples of job roles that are relevant to this field of study. Some roles will require further study. The following profiles are available on Prospects (www.prospects.ac.uk).

- Building Control Surveyor
- Quantity Surveyor
- Site Engineer
- Logistics and Distribution Manager
- Financial Manager
- Contracting Civil Engineer

goconstruct.org offers an excellent overview of different roles in the construction sector and how they relate to each other.

There are many other roles that construction management students may also choose to pursue:

- Chartered Loss Adjusters look at insurance claim incidents and decide whether compensation should be paid based on the evidence available.
- Health Service Managers use data to ensure health provision is efficient and effective.
- Further Education Lecturers give insight into the Construction sector and teach skills that the sector demands.
- Facilities Managers are responsible for the management of services and processes that support the main function/business of an organisation.

Finding Opportunities

- prospects.ac.uk provides Property and Construction sector information.
- jobsgopublic.com provides a wide range of public sector jobs including Planning.
- Careers in Logistics contains a current list of vacancies in the Transport and Logistics sector.
- Prospects Graduate Job Search filter the results to access the Construction related opportunities.
• NHS Leadership Academy gives all information for the graduate management training scheme.
• My Jobs Online filter for relevant placements and graduate vacancies.

For many opportunities, speculative applications are recommended as many jobs are not advertised.

**Building Experience**

Work experience and placements can make a significant difference to your employability.

Use any opportunities you can on campus, (and locally) to gain experience that will help you – for example Reading Voluntary Action and RUSU.

**Exploring Further**

• Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (rics.org/uk) for information and details on professional training.
• Royal Town Planning Institute (rtpi.org.uk) has sector information and planning opportunities.
• The Institute of Structural Engineers (istructe.org) provides information on the profession and training.
• Institute of Workplace and Facilities Management (iwfm.org.uk) has information on working in this area.
• pmi.org.uk is a community of project managers and has vacancy details.
• Institution of Civil Engineers (ice.org.uk) has information on the industry and professional development.
• Get into Teaching (getintoteaching.education.gov.uk) provides relevant information for pursuing a career in education.
• Accountancy, Banking and Finance
• Business, Consulting and Management

The skills and knowledge you have gained in your degree will be valuable in a wide range of roles and job sectors. If you are not sure what you want or want to explore other roles not listed in this information sheet but don’t know where to start, why not visit the Explore pages of our website or book an appointment with one of our Career Consultants?