Education and Research

Education covers a wide range of roles, from qualified teaching professionals in schools, professional support roles (e.g. psychological, training or quality assurance roles) or to roles in Further Education (FE) and Higher Education (HE), as well as research careers in various industries and public organisations.

Training to be a teacher in a school is usually through one of four basic routes:

1. Three-year undergraduate degree with QTS
2. One year postgraduate PGCE course
3. One-year course while you work in a school - a School Direct or SCITT programme
4. Two-year paid graduate scheme called TeachFirst

Fees and funding to train vary a lot – mainly based on the route you choose, the subject you train to teach, and your degree and grades. There are generous incentives to train in shortage subjects, particularly Physics, Maths and Languages.

In Reading, there is currently a teaching shortage in our county, and in most neighbouring counties. Official teaching events run year round, with lots in this area, either run by local schools with School Direct or SCITT schemes, or local universities (including this one!) to help you find out more. We also have a bursary for TeachFirst, giving 10 students who have secured a place on the TeachFirst scheme an extra £1,000 – see our funding search.

Key Resources

Prospects - Graduate jobs in teaching and education
List of lots of different jobs in education from the UK official graduate careers site

Try Teaching
Paid internship for those wanting to try out teaching

Target Jobs – How do you train to become a teacher?
Useful overview of training routes to teach in schools

Get Into Teaching
Official government website for teacher training

UCAS Teacher Training
Application portal for teacher training

TES
Jobs in schools – primary, secondary and international

Access this page and more industries at reading.ac.uk/careers/resources
Greensheets
School job vacancies, covering the Thames Valley region

Target Jobs – Alternative carers in education
Alternative careers in education (from environmental education to therapeutic roles to youth work)

Higher education and research websites with jobs boards and careers advice

Jobs.ac.uk
Academic Positions
Vitae
Research jobs finder
Research jobs
Social Research Association
Good websites for teaching and research with job boards and careers advice

You may also be interested in...

- Charity and Development Work
- Social and Community