Geography

Geographers’ interests in the world around them from a human and physical perspective can draw them into many sectors. An interest in natural resources can draw you to the Environmental and Agriculture sector and Energy and Utilities. Human Geography interests can draw you towards Property and Construction, the Public Sector and Teaching and Education as well as Transport and Logistics.

An interest in different cultures and the world around you can attract you towards Hospitality, Tourism and Sport. For those of you who want to move away from your subject, don’t forget to look at the many roles available in the Business, Management and Consultancy sector.

Roles

Each job title links through to a broad job description, salary and conditions, entry requirements, typical recruiters and links to further, pre-assessed useful information.

- Cartographers
- GIS Officers
- Geoscientists
- Environmental Consultants
- Waste Management Officers
- Local Government Officers
- Transport Planners
- Town Planners

Other common roles of interest to Geographers include: Environmental Health/Protection, Toxicologist, International Aid/Development worker, Conservation Officer, Market Researcher, Solicitor, Accountant and Secondary School Teacher. You can find out more about these roles by linking to the A-Z of job roles on Prospects.

Finding Opportunities

Much of the information about finding vacancies can be found through the links whether you are searching for permanent work, placements or work experience. A number of the roles above will need postgraduate qualifications in order to get into them. Town Planners definitely need a specialist postgraduate qualification accredited by the Royal Town Planning Institute. Roles such as GIS Officer, Environmental Consultant and Waste Management Officer can be competitive. This means a specialist postgraduate qualification and/or a year or two of experience can be required to beat the competition, which is why work experience and placements are so important. Working as a Cartographer doesn’t require postgraduate study, although some prior experience is important. Working in Local Government or in Transport Planning doesn’t require a postgraduate qualification, but as ever, some relevant experience can make all the difference.

Websites to help you find opportunities include:

- The British Cartography Society and The Society of Cartographers for cartography roles.
- GIS roles can be found at GIS-Jobs.co.uk.
- The Environmental Consultancy Directory (ENDS) is a great place for job adverts and a good basis for speculative applications.
- Budding Waste Managers can head to the Chartered Institute of Waste Management jobs site.
- The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (UK) jobs pages.
- The Royal Town Planning Institute also has jobs pages.
- Local Government roles can be found at Local Government Jobs and there is a dedicated website for the National Local Government Development Programme (NGDP).
Some of the above roles, for example, cartography and environmental consultancy, may require a creative job search approach so read up on the techniques involved and look for directories and membership lists to help you. Use these links to find further advice on postgraduate study and job hunting in general.

**Further Reading**

- The Royal Geographical Society [Careers with Geography](https://www.rgs.org/careers/) pages.
- [Lantra](https://www.lantra.org.uk) is the Skills Sector Council for land based and environmental jobs and holds useful information about careers, jobs and sector news and debates.