History graduates typically look to the Culture and Heritage and Education sectors for career options. Writing skills can draw you into Media and Publishing, whilst your research skills may attract you to roles in Information Services. Don't forget though that many Business, Consulting and Management roles, Marketing, Advertising and PR roles and Public Sector opportunities are well suited to the analytical and communication skills of a Historian. These links are sector overviews which show how the sector breaks down, the main graduate recruiters, characteristics of working in the sector and key current issues as well as lists of job roles available in the 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.

- Academic Librarian
- Archivist
- Museum/Gallery Conservator
- Curator
- Heritage Manager
- Newspaper Journalist
- Programme Researcher
- Secondary School Teacher
- Civil Service Administrator
- Solicitor

Government intelligence work (MI5, MI6, and GCHQ), insurance and risk, retail management and accountancy are also popular and can all be looked at in more detail via the Prospects A to Z of jobs.

Finding Opportunities

Much of the information you need about vacancies can be found on the links above and can assist you with finding work experience, placements and permanent jobs. Many roles listed will require further study to build up the expertise required to secure jobs and are highly competitive, although roles such as Civil Service Fast Streamer can be secured without further study. Read our coaching topic on Postgraduate Study to find out more. Most of the above roles, apart from Teaching, Civil Service Administrator and Solicitor will require quite a creative job search to find permanent work, work experience or placements. Useful websites to browse include:

For Librarian roles head to LisJobNet and search for trainee roles. For jobs, internships and volunteering in museums and heritage try:

The Museums Association

National Museum Jobs

English Heritage Jobs

The National Trust Jobs

reading.ac.uk/careers/explore
For journalism you may well need to take a postgraduate conversion course accredited by the National Council for the Training of Journalists

Try BBC Work website for broadcasting work experience. or Broadcast Jobs

Look closer at the routes into teaching using the Department for Education ‘Get into Teaching’ website. or use UCAS Teacher Training to apply

Look for Civil Service Administrative roles at Civil Service jobs

For further information about Law, find out more about the Legal Practice Course (LPC)

Further Reading

For information on museums and galleries and associated funding head to the Arts Council website

For more sector information on museums try the Association of Independent Museums

Try The Newspaper Society for lists of local newspapers.

The Law Society gives a great overview of legal careers.